



Joseph Willis Forist Sr.

November 24, 1931 - March 1, 2021

Joseph Willis Forist Sr. of Eaton Rapids passed away March 1, 2021 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 24, 1931 in Ionia, Michigan to the late George and Anna (Houseman) Forist. Joe was the second oldest of 8 siblings. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and retired as a spot welder from Oldsmobile after 33 1/2 years. He enjoyed hunting, playing cards, going to the casino and playing pool. Joe looked forward to spending time and creating many cherished memories with his family at the property near Grayling. He was the most amazing man you would have ever met and was a great story teller. He loved good jokes and here is one of his favorites, "Two old maids were sitting in the sand, one said to the other, I wish you were a man". Joe's heart was pure as gold and would help anyone he could and loved his family unconditionally. He was an exceptional man and will be missed tremendously by so many.

He is survived by his brother Don (Lorretta) Forist and sons, George Forist, John (Patty) Forist, Cody (Debbie) Forist, Brian (Maryann) Brooks, David (Brenda) Forist, Donald (Michelle) Forist and Craig (Chris) Forist; 20 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren. Joe was preceded in death by great grandson, JaKobey Samson; brothers, Jim, Bud, Jerry, George, Howard, Mike and sister Edith.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 6, 2021, 1:00pm at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge with Pastor Roy Atherton,

officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 11:00am until the time of the service at 1:00pm. Covid protocols requiring masks, social distancing and occupancy limitations will be observed. Interment will be at Deepdale Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be given in Joe's name to be used according to the wishes of the family.

Cemetery Details

Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4110 Old Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Joseph Willis Forist Sr.*



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - March 06, 2021 at 09:12 AM

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“ *My memories of Uncle Joe mirror those stated in his obituary. Super good person with calm personality whose thoughts were focused on others rather than himself. His good sense of humor combined with his ability to tell a story come together in one of his stories that sticks with me. The story starts with Uncle Joe telling about his adventure on a gambling boat (I think in Illinois or Indiana). Apparently Uncle Joe started to experience motion sickness. He starts to laugh about it and says that he was willing to pay twice as much to get off the boat than it cost him to get on it.*

He will be missed by all that were lucky enough to have known him.

Allan Forist

Allan Forist - March 05, 2021 at 10:54 PM

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My father in law he is a great man I love him lots he was lots fun to be round with and he love his family and all his grandchildren and great grandchildren to we love him so much he going to be miss and love to we love u dad 🙏 rest in peace

Brenda forist - March 07, 2021 at 06:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Willis Forist Sr..*



March 04, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Willis Forist Sr..*



March 04, 2021 at 07:55 AM



“ *I remember him and cousins visiting us in Florida. They were always on Spring Break and we were not so we only seen them after school. We would get to stay home and watch movies while Uncle Joe and my parents would go to the Dog Track.*

Teresa

Teresa Forist - March 03, 2021 at 09:08 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joseph Willis Forist Sr..*



March 02, 2021 at 07:26 PM