



Mark R. Stevens

January 6, 1930 - July 20, 2016

Mark R. Stevens of Grand Ledge passed away July 20, 2016. Mark was born January 6, 1930 in Delta Twp., Eaton Co., Michigan to the late Jake and Zoa (Steimer) Stevens. Mark retired from Fisher Body after thirty-one years; However, Mark's lifelong passion was farming. He loved everything from the equipment to the preparation, planting, growing season and harvest time. He was a father, grandfather, brother and friend and will be remember for his hard work ethic and quiet strength.

Mark is survived by his children Theresa (Don) Beatty, Greg (Linda) Stevens, Patt (Gus) Gustifson, Mark (Shannon) Houdek, and Deborah (Thomas) Keehn; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister, Ardith Gene Burns. Mark was preceded in death by wife, Dorothy L. Stevens on December 8, 2015; sons, Michael Purtill and James Miller; daughter, Sherri Collins; brother, Jerry and sisters, Oral Marie and Dori Anne.

A private family committal service will take place. Memorial contributions may be given to The Salvation Army, 525 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48912. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Cemetery Details

Deepdale Memorial Gardens

4110 Old Lansing Road
Lansing, MI 48917

Tribute Wall

HR

“ From Chad

I remember about my grandpa Mark when i was a kid i seen him all over town and at waldrops service station and him taking me to the cottage up to lake george and going out to the mclean farm and being around all the big tractors his was the biggest one out there to and i guess maybe that is why i have always wanted to work with heavy equipment my most resent memory is of me and him cutting wood together in his woods and shooting my last buck there and ill never forget the smell of his pipe CHAD STEVENS

Heather Roush - July 31, 2016 at 07:32 AM

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“ For my brother and I, Grandpa was such a special part of our childhood. So many of our memories were shared with him. He taught me so much from how to tie my shoes all the way up to how to drive and so much in between. In the summers he'd pick us up and take us swimming or horseback riding. He would let us help him in the gardens, take us for rides on the back of his truck and go for walks out in the woods, he'd help us build things like bird houses and help us catch frogs out at the pond in the backyard. In the winter he'd take us bowling, Ice skating and sledding. He'd help us build snowmen out in the front yard and spent countless hours playing cards with us while he watched his ball games in front of the fire. He was the best grandpa you could ask for and he will always hold a very special place in out hearts. ❤️

Amanda Houdek - July 27, 2016 at 08:22 AM

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“ Grandpa Mark use to drive this tractor while farming, this is a picture of him, putting in his yard on Strange Hwy. The butterfly was back by the pond the day after Grandpa passed, my dad and I walked back there while reminiscing, so beautiful and it let me get so close to it, like it was posing for us.



Heather Roush - July 25, 2016 at 05:01 AM

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“ I will miss just visiting, he loved company and enjoyed conversation over coffee and sweets. He took great pride in his home, yard and garden. He was one of a kind, loved nature and working, loved mowing his grass, planting and harvesting. ❤️ Grandpa Mark

Heather Roush - July 24, 2016 at 06:38 AM

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“ When I was young, I remember Grandpa Mark visiting, sitting at the kitchen table, smoking his pipe. He loved to visit. ❤️

Heather Roush - July 24, 2016 at 06:24 AM

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“ How is it possible to be brief when they ment so much?he raised me as his own and loved my kids with everything that was good in him.the old farmer to me was the old wise man who showed me so,so much.always treating me with kindness,patients,unjudgmental,understanding and so much love.he didn't have to tell you,he would show you with his actions.maybe undeserving, but so fortunate even lucky that he came in to my life that i would be a recipient of all the good he showed me and my family.
No words are strong enough.No time long enough to say how much respect and how deeply we love our pops with the utmost sincerity the Houdek family.

Mark Houdek - July 23, 2016 at 12:37 PM

DE

We lived on Hartel by Strange. Our bike riding would take us by Mark's house. Occasionally, we would stop and visit. He was welcoming and loved to talk about his beautiful yard. We always admired it. God speed to your family.

Dee - July 31, 2016 at 05:47 PM

SH

“ I couldn't have asked for a better Father in law. I'll think of you every morning when im watering my flowers🌺Miss you already.



Shannon Houdek - July 23, 2016 at 11:43 AM

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“ Shannon Houdek lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Stevens



Shannon Houdek - July 23, 2016 at 08:54 AM

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“ Shannon Houdek sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark R. Stevens



Shannon Houdek - July 22, 2016 at 11:41 AM

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“ I couldn't have asked for a better father in law. I'll think of you every morning while im watering my flowers🌺🌹 We miss you already.



Shannon Houdek - July 22, 2016 at 11:39 AM