



Charles Gary Parsons

April 26, 1936 - November 9, 2024

Charles (Charlie) Parsons, 88, of Blue Lakes Township, passed peacefully on November 9, 2024. Charles was born on April 26, 1936, to the late William I. and Gloria M. (Campbell) Parsons in Detroit, Michigan.

Beloved father of Carolyn (Dr. John) Brooks, Dr. Kenneth (Julie) Parsons, loving grandfather of Dr. Jacqueline (Kyle) Trondle, Kyle (Kaylee) Parsons, Andrew Brooks and Sarah Parsons. Dearest great grandfather of Kaden Parsons and Oliver Trondle and uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his eldest brother, William Parsons and sister, Muriel Hahn.

At age 20, he joined the US Army and was stationed in California where he became a master tank mechanic and marksman. Shortly after his honorable discharge, he married the love of his life, Patricia Evans, who he cherished for the 63 years of marriage before Pat went to be with the Lord last year. They began their lives together in Warren, Michigan and in 1979 moved to Washington Township to be in the country.

Charlie was a mechanic at heart and went on to become a Tool and Die Maker. He excelled at the installation of and troubleshooting complex machines while at F. Joseph Lamb. After many years at Lamb, he went to work for Chrysler and retired in 1998.

Charlie loved Blue Lake where his own parents retired in 1972. He and Pat moved there in 2011 so they could be up north full time. He was an avid outdoorsman with a passion for hunting and fishing. He loved to walk and ride his bike whenever he could. Charlie was always there to lend a helping hand to whoever needed it. He would take great pleasure in building or fixing things. He was extremely proud of his children and even prouder of his grandchildren. With the addition of two new great grandsons in the past year, he was delighted to spend time with each of them.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Charles' memory can be made to: American Legion Post 480, P.O. Box 205, Kalkaska, MI 49646

The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Interment will be held in Fairview Cemetery, Mancelona.

Arrangements provided by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery North

9610 M-88
Mancelona, MI 49659

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home
106 S. Cherry
Kalkaska, MI 49646
(231) 258-5121
<https://www.wolfeoneill.com/>

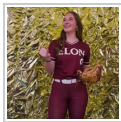
Tribute Wall



“ *Lisa Oberhofer Schaal lit a candle in memory of Charles Gary Parsons*



Lisa Oberhofer Schaal - November 22, 2024 at 06:04 PM



*Keeping the family in our hearts this weekend as you come together to honor and celebrate a wonderful man. So many beautiful memories to cherish now and forever. Rest in peace and while you will be missed there is a peace knowing you will be reunited with your beautiful wife.
The Schaal Family*

Lisa Oberhofer Schaal - November 22, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.*



November 21, 2024 at 04:15 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Gary Parsons.*

November 17, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



November 17, 2024 at 02:55 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



November 17, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



November 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ love, Ann Phipps planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Gary Parsons.

love, Ann Phipps - November 14, 2024 at 01:24 PM

LP

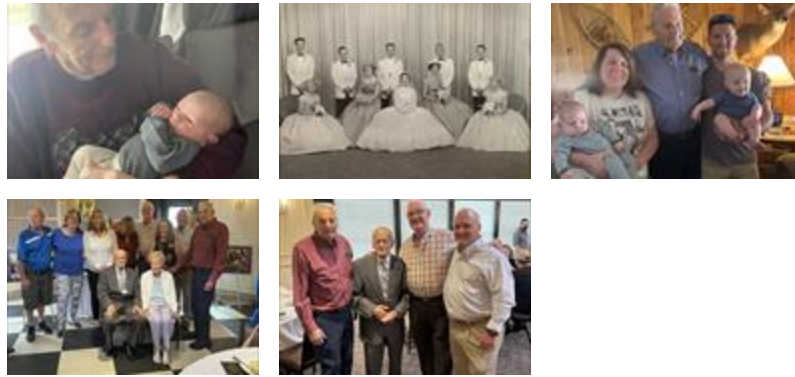
“ love, Ann Phipps purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



love, Ann Phipps - November 14, 2024 at 01:24 PM

CB

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Carolyn Brooks - November 14, 2024 at 10:03 AM

CP

“ Carrie & Roger, Brittany, & Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Gary Parsons.

Carrie & Roger, Brittany, & Patrick - November 13, 2024 at 02:40 PM

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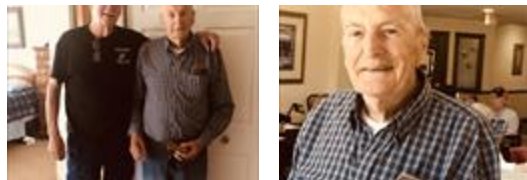
“ Carrie & Roger, Brittany, & Patrick purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



Carrie & Roger, Brittany, & Patrick - November 13, 2024 at 02:40 PM

JC

“ 2 files added to the album photos & videos



John Edward Craib - November 12, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



November 12, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Charles Gary Parsons.

November 12, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Charles Gary Parsons.



November 12, 2024 at 09:06 AM