



Marvin W Blackford

February 4, 1946 - February 21, 2022

Marvin William Blackford, 76, passed away at his home on February 21, 2022, from Parkinson's. He is survived by his wife, Marcia (Gray) Blackford; his five children, Lynette (Blackford) Gensler, Marvin Alan Blackford, Daniel Blackford, Roxanne Blackford, and Deborah (Blackford) Harrier; 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Daisy Blackford, two siblings and one grandchild.

Marv was born in Gibsonburg, OH, on February 4, 1946. He attended 13 different schools finally graduating from Manton High School in Michigan, where he met his sweetheart and future wife Marcia Gray in 1964.

Vowing to provide a more stable childhood for his children, he and Marcia purchased some acreage in Lake Ann, Michigan, that eventually became their farm where they raised their 5 children.

Marv was known throughout the community as being an honest, hard-working, light-hearted Christian. He not only served in myriad church leadership positions, but also in his community as a farmer, butcher, deer processor, volunteer firefighter, Township Supervisor, Township Assessor (for 30 years), and even a land developer.

Marv's dream was to open a farm market to provide affordable quality local produce to people in his community. This was realized when Marvin's Garden Spot opened in July of 2003 and continued to operate through the summer of 2021.

Marv enjoyed working with and mentoring youth at church and on the farm. His hobbies included singing, playing the guitar and piano, writing poetry, fishing, and hunting.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Parkinson's Research and/or your local Hospice Team.

A visitation will take place on Friday, February 25, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Traverse City.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation beginning at church at 10:00 a.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3746 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI 49684

Service

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin W Blackford*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Marvin W Blackford*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to Marcia, and all the family. May you find comfort in your cherished memories of Marv.*

Wendy Warren - February 24, 2022 at 09:21 PM



“ *I loved Marv and love Marsha, also to all the family. My daughter in law, Deb Harrier, Briana and Kirsten. I cannot believe Marv is not with us in person anymore. My heart hurts for you all. I will always remember Marv playing the piano so beautifully a couple years ago. I stood with him and hummed or sang the tune. An old gospel hymn. He had a beautiful smile and a kind heart. He certainly put so much of himself into everything. Lots of love my family.*

Sue Medellin - February 24, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ *Marvin and Marsha and the kids were always like a second family to us. He was always shaking his head at me when Roxanne and I were not behaving (way way back, of course we are Angels now) . The most hardworking delightful person I've met. God gained an amazing Angel and I hope you all spend lots of hours laughing at the memories xoxo lots of love xoxo Angela (Eley) Sweeney xoxo*

angela sweeney - February 24, 2022 at 10:37 AM



Dear Marvin. Just loved you. Loved how you helped us put together our puppet show back in 77. You will remember hay down your back on a hay ride. You just have a quality about you that edged on cynicism, but was so fun. You were like an ancient Greek philosopher! Something like that! Miss ya. I picture you with Bob and Daisy! What a reunion!❤️Cayce Weber

Cayce Weber - November 15, 2022 at 04:12 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin W Blackford.* ”



February 24, 2022 at 10:31 AM