



C. G. Chapin

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On Wednesday, August 6, 2014 C.G. Chapin, 88, went to be with his Lord. He was born June 8, 1926 at home in Mecosta County to Roy G. Chapin and Leola (Greyback) Chapin. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Leona (Kempton) Chapin, two daughters, Barbara (Jim) Sturdevent of Amble and Janelle (Joseph) Blair of Horton, two sons, Craig of Amble and Wade (Lyndsey) of Sarasota, Florida. He is survived by one sister, Myla (Bill) Kickbusch of Rollo, MO. He is also survived by six step daughters, Deborah (Bruce) Geelhoed, Janet (Lyle) Ball, Charlene Kohl, Susan (Gary) Cone, Joellen (Jim) Anderson and Sandra (Brian Hatchew) Carey and one step son, Douglas (Cheri) Chapin. Twenty-five grandchildren: Janette, Cory, Chad, Robin, Maranda, Marc, Steven, Joel, Jerry, Johnathon, Jennifer, Rachel, Ryan, Shawn, Jason, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Samuel, Will, Zachary, Taylor, Elijah, Abram, Amanda and Zane, 39 great-grandchildren and one great, great-granddaughter. He is also survived by two sisters-in-laws, Carol Chapin and Leora Flynn.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife of 41 years, Jean in 1991, his brothers, Dan, Ray and Roy and sisters Fern and Maisie.

He graduated from Mecosta School, married Jean Reblin on Oct. 13, 1950 and while on his honeymoon received his draft papers and spent the next two years in Germany serving his country as a medic and ambulance driver. When his children were members of 4-H he was right there beside them helping them every step of the way. He coached his son's Little League baseball teams, always giving ice cream after the game, no matter if it was a win or a loss. He enjoyed boating and water skiing in his younger years. He had the belief that going out to breakfast could solve any problem you may have. On January 2, 1993 he married Leona, tripling the size of his family. Taking the grandchildren for rides on his "Mule" was one of his favorite activities, touring the farm and looking at an abundance of wildlife. Among his hobbies were bowling, watching draft horse pulls, hunting with his dogs, reading and especially watching the Detroit Tigers. He was employed at General Electric/Hitachi for 32 years as a factory worker, but farming was his



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passion. His gardens were envied by everyone in the neighborhoods, especially his giant pumpkin patch. He was a member of the Amble United Methodist Church and then later a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church. He was very active in his younger years in the Montcalm County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Lakeview VFW.

Arrangements are being handled by Hansen Janowicz Funeral Home in Remus. Visitation will be held at the New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta from 5 - 8 pm on Sunday Aug. 10 and from 10 - 11 am on Monday Aug. 11. Funeral services will be Monday Aug. 11 at the New Hope United Methodist Church at 11 am with lunch immediately following and interment in the Amble cemetery at 2pm.

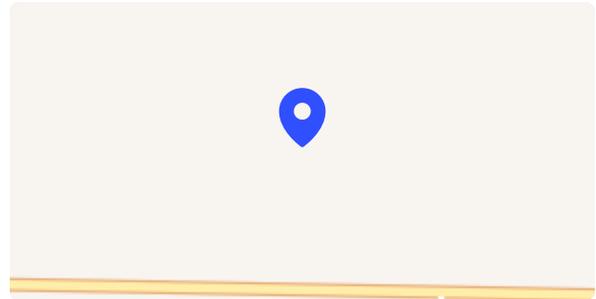


Visitation

Sunday, August 10, 2014

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

New Hope United Methodist Church
7296 9 Mile Rd., Mecosta MI 49332

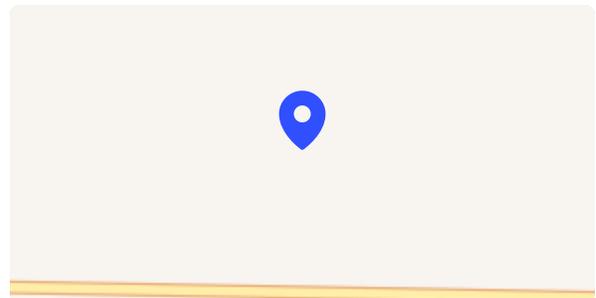


Visitation

Monday, August 11, 2014

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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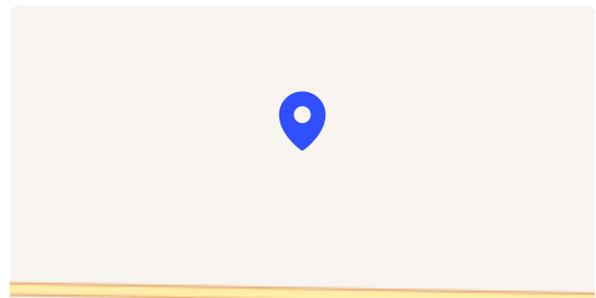


Service

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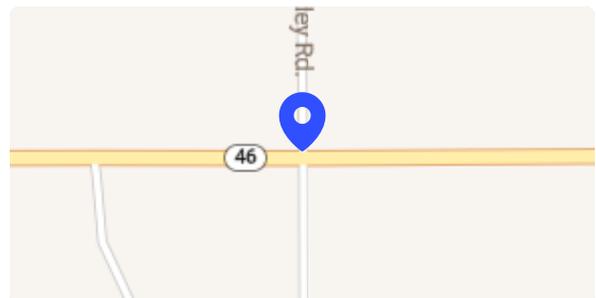
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Cemetery Details

Amble Cemetery
M-46 and Bailey Rd., Winfield Township MI





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JF

Jeff & Tina Beagle & Family posted:

Brittani, So sorry for your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. God Bless. We love you!

August 11 at 5:55 PM

TR

Tom Reblin posted:

Barb, Craig, Wade and Janelle, Please accept our deepest sympathies in the loss of your father. Just the thought of Uncle C.G. brings many fond memories of a wonderful man. We know that he lives now with our heavenly father, but he will also continue to live on in the precious tender memories he left us. You are in our prayers for peace and comfort at this time. Tom & Marian Reblin

August 11 at 5:31 PM

HT

Helen Taylor posted:

My deepest sympathy to you, Leona and your family. C.G. was a great guy to have known. His sense of humor and his concern for everyone will be remembered forever. Am so glad you, and he, had such a good life together - always loved seeing the smiles you both had - And the dancing - wonderful memories of you two enjoying life!! Love and Hugs to you, Leona, will be thinking of you all. Helen

August 10 at 7:35 AM

HT

Helen Taylor lit a candle in honor of C..



August 10 at 7:30 AM

EI

Eric Ingraham lit a candle in honor of C..

Are Prayers are with you all. Eric , Lynne & Andrew Ingraham



August 9 at 5:20 PM



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Janelle posted:

Brokenhearted right now, missing you already. You were always uplifting, joyful, had a story to share. Your whole family will cherish the memories of time spent with you. I remember when I was young and you went to an auction, I asked you to buy me a horse...you brought home the most beautiful porcelain horse I've ever seen. I want to know who will take me to breakfast when I am sad? Glad you are in heaven dancing on streets of gold.

August 9 at 9:20 AM



Janelle lit a candle in honor of C..



August 9 at 9:08 AM



Britt (Lebeck) Mccarthy posted:

My deepest condolences to the whole Chapin clan. CG was one of my Dad's (Fay Lebeck) best friends and some of my earliest memories are of CG and Dad living it up after a long day of hunting. He had us trying to wiggle our ears for years! Always fond memories.

August 8 at 4:34 PM



Dena Durante posted:

We were blessed also to have had him as a friend. There was never a bad day if you got your hug and story from CG! He always treated you just like you were a part of his family. I know for sure I will miss his smile that he always wore no matter the day or weather! We have been blessed to have him as a friend and will miss him. John and Dena Durante and Betty Saathoff.

August 8 at 3:33 PM



Leona, Joellen, Jim, Zachary, Taylor, Eli And Abram sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Chapin family.



August 8 at 10:22 AM



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JP

Jann Parks posted:

CG is one the nicest gentleman I have ever met. Always a smile and a good word for all. The world is richer from having him in it.

August 8 at 2:36 AM

SP

Sandy Peter posted:

I will always fondly remember CG's kindness, spunk and wonderful sense of humor. i was blessed to have him as a friend, and I know he will be greatly missed by family and friends. My love and prayers to his family and especially to Leona. Sending hugs and prayers, Sandy Peter

August 7 at 7:27 PM

ML

Maria Larsen posted:

I will miss his stories. Every time I saw him I would ask him how he was. He always said the same thing. "Well, I woke up this morning! So, its a good day!" I imagine how it was for him to wake up in heaven. Now that's the best day possible. His kindness toward me and my children will live forever in our hearts. Prayers of comfort to His family especially his wif , Leona who I will always consider grandma. See you in heaven Grandpa CG. You will be missed here but, I know I will see you again. Maria Larsen and Children.

August 7 at 6:32 PM

PW

Pat And Jim Wilkins lit a candle in honor of C..

Our love and prayers to the Chapin family, and especially Leona. We loved C.G. , and always enjoyed his funny stories and his great sense of humor. We will certainly miss seeing him sitting in front of us in church, and at the Wed. Night meals. What a special man. Hugs, Jim and Pat Wilkins



August 7 at 4:49 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring C. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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