



# Robert Charles Fortune Sr.

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## **Robert Charles Fortune Sr.**

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**R**eed City - Robert C. Fortune, Sr. 76, of Reed City, passed away Sunday, February 10, 2019, peacefully at home with his wife and children by his side. He was born May 31, 1942, in Lawrence, Mi, the son of Clyde and Martha (Davis) Fortune, and attended Niles High School. In 1962, he married Stella L. Draper. Robert worked as a machinist for Buchanan Steel for 27 years, and then for Electric Voice in Buchanan for 13 years. He and Stella then moved to Missouri, where Robert worked in the athletic department of Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff. He was also a member of Lodge #369 F. & A.M. in Doniphen. In 2006 he retired, and the couple moved to Hersey until settling in Reed City 2 years ago. Robert was an avid Notre Dame Football fan. He loved history and genealogy, and in his younger years enjoyed building his own cars and drag racing them.

Surviving are his wife Stella; their children Robert, Jr. (Tracy) of Niles, Fern (Carl) Backus of Big Rapids, Brian of Ewart, and Lester (Donna) of Dowagiac; 15 grandchildren, Jason, Kristen, Taylor, Collin, Shelby, Sara, Kellie, Kate, Jason, Steven, Crystal, Ashley, Nicholas, Jake, and Emily; 15 great-grandchildren; 1 sister Charlene Heffington, 2 brothers, Clyde, Jr., and Bill Gray; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services, including a Masonic memorial service, will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019, at the Mohnke Funeral Home in Big Rapids. Spring burial will be in the Park Hill Cemetery near Paris. Robert's family will greet friends beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made for the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, with envelopes available at the funeral home.



## Tribute Wall

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**Bernadette** posted:

My condolences to Robert's family. It is never easy when we lose a loved one. God cares for those mourning and hears their prayers for comfort. Pour out your heart to God in prayer for comfort. He will provide the help needed because God cares for you

February 15 at 8:00 PM

TH

**Tamara Hoose** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

dear stella and family i so sorry to hear bob passed away i hope he is in peace now and he will be missed may his soul rest in peace . we will surely miss him at bingo god bless you all and may he help you thru this time of need

February 11 at 8:00 PM



KH

**Kate And Matthrew Harris** lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Grandpa, We are at peace knowing you are with the Lord. Our memories are filled with your presence and it makes our hearts full. We will always be incredibly grateful for the kind and generous person you were to everyone you met. We love you and take com

February 11 at 8:00 PM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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