



George B. Fritz Sr.

August 17, 1932 - November 15, 2011

Passed away suddenly Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in Iron Mountain, MI. George was born August 17, 1932 in Bloomingdale Township, the son of George H. and Florence (Munn) Fritz, and has lived all his life in the Bloomingdale area, where he was a farmer all of his life. He was a member of the Bloomingdale Christian Church, Masons, and was a county commissioner, and insurance salesman with Fritz & Krueger Insurance Agency. George loved the woods, cattle and hunting. Surviving is his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1955; 3 sons, Bill (Pam) Fritz of Bloomingdale, Michael E. (Susan M.) Fritz of Bloomingdale, George (Bern) Fritz, Jr. of Bloomingdale; 9 grandchildren; and 1 great grandchild; a niece and 2 nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister Roma Fritz Walstrom Boline. Friends may meet family Friday 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the BLOOMINGDALE CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Saturday at the Bloomingdale Christian Church with Pastor Nathan Baylor officiating. Interment will follow in Tucker Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Tucker Cemetery

39000 CR 388
Bloomington, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomington, MI

Visitation

NOV 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Chapel
203 East Spring Street
Bloomington, MI

Service

NOV 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bloomington Christian Church
208 E. Pine
Bloomington, MI

Tribute Wall



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Gayathri Krishnan - November 23, 2011 at 03:49 AM



“ *It was an honor & blessing to have known George. He was an inspiration and a true gentleman to have done business with. His faith and values live on through his children and grandchildren left behind. The Fritz family is an awesome group and I'm sure they will miss him dearly, as will all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. My sympathy and prayers extend to the Fritz family through this time of grieving and loss.*

Randy Miedema - November 21, 2011 at 09:57 AM



“ *My biggest condolences to the fritz family for the lost of George. on the behalf of Abelardo and Imelda Muñoz and family.*



Abelardo - November 19, 2011 at 09:41 AM

JD

“ *First of all, my condolences to the Fritz family. I remember sitting on the board with George at Farmer's Supply Co. Just seeing his passion for business and especially the community of Bloomingdale and his fellow farmers was a great inspiration to me. Thank you George!*

Josh Dickerson - November 18, 2011 at 10:25 PM

KO

“ *Kimberly Otten lit a candle in memory of George B. Fritz Sr.*



Kimberly Otten - November 18, 2011 at 03:14 PM

AM

“ *George, it is with great sadness to have to say goodbye. Please know you, Barbara, Mike, Billy, and George Jr. have given my sister (Heather) and me the most wonderful and cherished childhood memories before we moved out of state. I can remember as if it was yesterday, living down the road from you in a grey house, playing with the farm animals, picking and eating blueberries before they were weighed, and playing in your mansion house. Thank you George...we will miss you greatly!!!*



Amanda Miller - November 18, 2011 at 12:06 PM

HH

*It was great seeing you Barbara this summer. I'm sorry for you and your families loss. Amanda couldn't have said it better. Love you.
Heather and Winston*

Heather Hsueh - December 02, 2011 at 04:56 AM

JD

“ My father, Ken Dillenbeck, spent a lot of time with the Fritz family and the blueberries...Unfortunately, Pa is not in a position to come and say Goodbye... but I'll be sure to let him know and we'll be with the family in spirit...Thank you George for being a good friend to Pa...

Judy Stearns for Ken Dillenbeck - November 18, 2011 at 09:11 AM

DM

“ George, George, George, it is with a heavy heart and happy memories that good byes are said. You have enriched the lives of my family and countless others. Thank you for sharing a piece of your life with us. Good bye dear friend. The Doug Miller family.

Douglas J Miller - November 18, 2011 at 07:30 AM

TM

George, Barbara and boys: It was so wonderful having you in my young married life. What a fine example you all are. It was good seeing you this summer and sharing memories of years past. God Bless you all.

Tresa Miller - November 20, 2011 at 04:13 PM

RC

“ My sympathies to the Fritz family and to the greater blueberry family that George has left behind. We are poorer without you my friend. You had a way of pushing issues into the light, of forcing us all think just a bit more, and when necessary you found a way of getting the job done when most of us just seemed to stand around.

Rod Cook - November 18, 2011 at 12:11 AM

PP

“ Thinking of you Bill, and the rest of your family at this very sad time.
Patti Price

patti price - November 17, 2011 at 09:49 PM

DR

“ No words can say enough at this time. Just know that your family is
in my heart and prayers are with you. *Dale Ray (Jim)*

Dale Ray - November 17, 2011 at 08:32 PM

 Karen
Callens

“ In my mind I see George's big grin as he got out of his truck at
Michigan Summer Blueberries Plant this summer. I had asked him
to give my Uncle Joe and Aunt Geri and Rollie Main and his wife
Sally (soybean and corn farmers from Illinois) a tour of the plant. He
was very busy and I hadn't given him much notice but he still took
the time to meet my request. It was a wonderful tour complete with
a meeting in his office. After the tour they all exchanged phone
numbers and ideas. George gave the ladies Blueberry Cookbooks
and Blueberry Jam. These are people (70s and 80s) still living their
lives with no indication of slowing down. George was a grandpa to
my children and a Dad to me. He gave my son Ricky guidance and
responsibilities in learning the ropes of running a processing plant,
employed my son Paul (George kept many, many people employed)
and became officially "Grandpa" to Corrine at Livestock Camp years
ago. George and my dad, Ted Kendall, became partners in a
business at an age most people would be ready to kick up their
heels and relax. George lived his life living, something I want to
make sure I do, never slow down, never stop learning, never stop
meeting new people, never quitting. He will live in my heart forever.
May all his memories fill the hollowness we all feel at this sudden
loss. God Bless his family during this very sad time.

Karen Callens - November 17, 2011 at 07:56 PM

MK

“ *Marlene Kirchner lit a candle in memory of George B. Fritz Sr.*



Marlene Kirchner - November 17, 2011 at 12:32 PM

MK

*My Condolences to the Fritz Family.
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
George will be missed*

Marlene Kirchner - November 17, 2011 at 12:39 PM

JC

“ *Judy Chaney lit a candle in memory of George B. Fritz Sr.*



Judy Chaney - November 17, 2011 at 10:26 AM

DT

“ *As I remember George, the word "big" always comes to mind. Big smile, big handshake, and a big heart with a large dose of passion for everything he did and compassion for everyone he met. My condolences to all the Fritz family. I share in your loss. May God bless you.*

Dave Trink

Dave Trink - November 17, 2011 at 09:38 AM

MR

“ *My condolences to Fritz Family who lost an amazing person. George Fritz will be missed. I will never forget him and his big smile he always had. From the Rodriguez Family who met George @ Northern Pride Processing.*

Maribel Rodriguez - November 17, 2011 at 07:35 AM



“ *My Sympathy to the Fritz families. I never seen George without a Sincere hand shake and a infectious smile no matter where he seen you, he was a Genuine gentleman. He would walk into the Kool Korner restaurant and light up the entire place. He will be greatly missed by all. May God keep his arms around each and every one of you.*



Sandra Sincler - November 17, 2011 at 12:39 AM

GH

“ *I want to extend my heartfelt sympathy to the entire Fritz family. I never ran into George without him giving me a big handshake and a big smile. No one was ever a stranger for very long with George. I am sure he will be missed by his family and all that knew him. May God bless. Greg & Suzie Huberty*

Greg Huberty - November 16, 2011 at 07:20 PM

RS

“ George, no one Loved people more than you. You heart was bigger than anyone could ever imagine. Your laugh was always a favorite. Always wanting to please everyone and not wanting ever to tell anyone no. You are a man of God that showed me what forgiveness really means. You were a Life Blessing to me and many others. For God and I know where your heart was, and now you are receiving your treasures He has stored for you in Heaven. For life is never long enough for the people who love you, but you made sure you always enjoyed it with them. I will never forget all the time God gave me to know, work, and spend time with you. I will pray and ask God to let me follow your path, and my Heart to be filled with the same Love you gave to so many. Thanks You My Dear Friend George for taking time for me. Your Brother In Christ ,
Rex

Rex Schultz - November 16, 2011 at 06:21 PM

MM

“ the one thing I will always remember is George calling work everyday and asking me if I had a cup of coffee i will miss him very much I will never forget that great smile and kind heart mickie miner



margaret miner - November 16, 2011 at 05:00 PM

VM

Uncle George was the only uncle I really ever knew. Fred and I couldn't wait to drive the 5 1/2 hours down from Harbor to Gobles to see Uncle George and Aunt Barb, sit in their kitchen have ice cream and jaw about the farm, the boys and all his plans for the farm, as well as discuss all the politics of the day. It's how I came to know the most wonderful and loving family, an aunt and uncle who would love everyone who drove down their driveway. Uncle George was a man who was adored and revered by all who knew him for the way he treated everyone every day. We took walks out among the blueberry bushes, played, "Hi, low, jack and the game" until the wee hours, waited hours for a calf to be born, watched the boys debate the pros and cons of the farm plans and Barb was there always listening to all our worries or celebrations. My children, Lissa, Michael and Peter have the best of memories of Uncle George and visiting the farm, the freedom found there to ride, "Tiny" the cow, to climb on the tractor, pick blueberries, run around with Reagan and run into the kitchen with a big story of their adventures. He will be missed, oh, how very much he will live on in our memories. We love you, Viki, Lissa, Michael and Peter

Victoria L. Moser - November 17, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ I remember George taking his time to talk with my cub scouts about business and insurance. Then he paid for them to all get something to drink at Spayde's Drugstore across the street. This was when Pastor Josh and my son, Caleb, were in third grade.

My husband, Mark, has always called George, "Big George," and has many memories that include Bill Fritz.

Ranita Ashbrook - November 16, 2011 at 03:50 PM