



## Ralph W. Lowder

December 11, 1929 - August 25, 2013

Ralph W. Lowder

age 83

of Bangor

Passed away Sunday, August 25, 2013 at his home. Ralph was born December 11, 1929 in Bangor the son of Rexel and Cecelia (Buskirk) Lowder, living his entire life in the Bangor area. He served with the US Army during the Korean Conflict, where he was a mechanic. Following his time in the service he returned to Bangor where he owned and operated the Cities Service Filling Station. Ralph retired from the City of Bangor Public Works Department and also was the Bangor Fire Chief for several years. He was an avid fisherman, enjoyed camping, traveling and spending time with family. He was a member of the Bangor Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife Arliss (Stocchiero) whom he married Dec. 16, 1950; 2 daughters, Sharon (John) Bailey of Charlotte, MI, Karon (Rod) Batdorff of Howell; 4 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 2 sisters; 2 brothers; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 2 sisters. The family will meet friends from 2-4 PM Friday, August 30, 2013 at the Bangor Church of Christ, where the funeral service will follow at 4:00 PM with John Bailey officiating. According to his wishes cremation will follow the services. The family suggests memorials be made to the Bangor Church of Christ or to the Great Lakes Hospice Foundation. Arrangements by the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. [www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Church of Christ  
214 North Walnut Street  
Bangor, MI 49013

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Prayers, and GOD BLESS the family



deb and del hooper - September 04, 2013 at 06:36 AM

Mikal  
Bailey

“ Mikal Bailey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies  
Basket for the family of Ralph W. Lowder.




Mikal Bailey - August 30, 2013 at 11:19 AM

TM

“ Terri Martens lit a candle in memory of Ralph  
W. Lowder



Terri Martens - August 29, 2013 at 08:54 PM

 Mikal  
Bailey

“ *Ralph was an exceptional man who, in this modern world, embodied a strength, character, and ruggedness more commonly seen in men of bygone years. This man was also one of the most selfless men I've ever known and was always...always...willing to sacrifice for his family. As a senior citizen he was always serving "older folks" by taking them to the grocery, mowing their lawns or shoveling the snow from their driveways. I learned so much from his quiet resolve and seemingly endless patience. Looking back on it, he really had a lot of things figured out. That probably came from being in a house with three Lowder women...they know everything (made myself chuckle). I love those women a lot because they are my grandmother, mother and my aunt. That makes Ralph Lowder my grandfather and what a great privilege that has been. What luck I had to have been his eldest grandson. I will always love him and miss him so.*

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**Mikal Bailey** - August 29, 2013 at 08:47 PM

BB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our love is always with you. Have peace and know that Jesus is Lord!*

*Pete Bailey family*

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**Bob Bailey** - August 28, 2013 at 07:51 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph W. Lowder.*



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August 28, 2013 at 07:48 AM

PB

“ Dear Sharon,

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family along with our condolences.*

*Love you,*

*Emert and Pauline*

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**Pauline Borgman** - August 27, 2013 at 08:17 PM

BL

“ *Arliss and family. We didn't get to see each other often. Mainly family reunions but Ralph will be miss terribly. My heart goes out to you. Ralph was a great cousin and fellow firefighter. Barb (Buskirk) Leedy*

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**Barb (Buskirk) Leedy** - August 27, 2013 at 01:44 PM

MK

“ *Dear Arliss and Family,*

*Ralph was one of my best friends. When time allows, I want to share the great things he did for me. He was everyone's best friend. My heart is heavy, and my prayers are with you.*

*Martin Karr*

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**Martin Karr** - August 27, 2013 at 11:35 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph W. Lowder.*



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August 27, 2013 at 10:53 AM



“ *Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Lowder*



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**Judy Rainey** - August 27, 2013 at 07:26 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers along with our love go out to all of you. "Uncle" Ralph will be remembered for all the kindness he showed to me and the girls. Many fond memories and his spirit will long be lived in each of us. Luanne Bregger(Lowder) Reeves*

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**Luanne** - August 26, 2013 at 10:03 PM



“ *Larry And Jeanie Trantham lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Lowder*



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**Larry and Jeanie Trantham** - August 26, 2013 at 07:59 PM