



Virgil Marion Merchant

January 21, 1929 - May 22, 2021

Virgil M. Merchant

Age 92

Allegan

Went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. Virgil was born January 21, 1929 in Trowbridge Township, son of the late Wayne and Evah Merchant and lived his entire life in the area. Virgil was a lifelong farmer and served on the boards with the Allegan Farmers Co-op and the Allegan Farm Bureau. In his teenage years while taking his FFA class, Virgil helped to build the fence around the POW camp on Lake Allegan. He was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Allegan joining in 1942. Virgil was also a member of General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Surviving are his children, Janet and Roger Smith of Allegan, Denise and Ron Medemar of Allegan, Julie and Jeff Fell of Gull Lake and Joel Merchant of Allegan; 13 grandchildren; 36 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandson.

Virgil was preceded in death by his wife, Esther; daughter-in-law, Betty Merchant; a grandson, Troy Smith; siblings, Elaine Wood, Beverly Shaffer; and an infant brother, Kenneth.

The family will meet friends on Thursday, May 27th from 10 AM until time of funeral services at 11AM at the First Baptist Church of Allegan, Pastor Nathan Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Mallory Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to either the First Baptist Church, Allegan or Kindred Hospice of Kalamazoo. Arrangements entrusted to the Bloomingdale Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mallory Cemetery

Trowbridge Township
Allegan, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church, Allegan
1290 32nd St
Allegan, MI 49010

Service

MAY 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Condolences from the West Michigan Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. Virgil was a 4-year member of our chapter, having traced his ancestry back to a Patriot in the American Revolution. Rest in peace, Compatriot Merchant!*

Craig Rich - November 01, 2021 at 07:27 PM

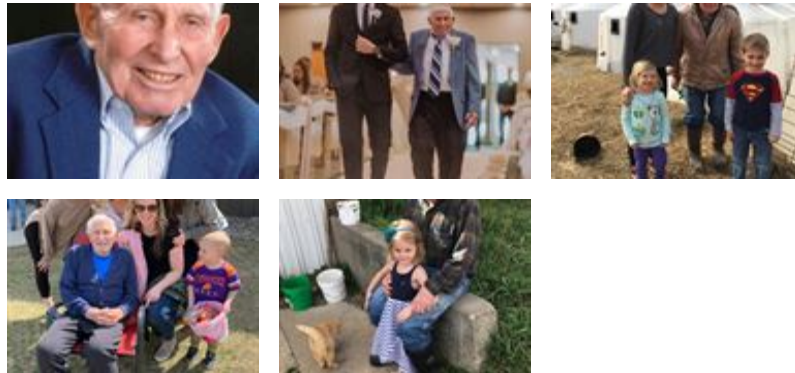
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“ *Mr. Merchant was a quiet, kind and hard working man. He always had a smile when he spoke to you. Prayers to all his family. Frank & Nola*

Nola Tooker - May 26, 2021 at 08:11 AM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - May 25, 2021 at 02:11 PM

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“ *Your Parker FSC Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Virgil Marion Merchant.*



Your Parker FSC Family - May 24, 2021 at 11:18 AM