



Wendell Dennis Hurlbut

April 25, 1915 - September 7, 2012

Died peacefully September 7, 2012 in Gobles. Wendell was born April 25, 1915, on the family farm in Casco Township, to Florence (Ruell Overhiser) and Guy Hurlbut. While attending Allegan schools, Wendell met Gertrude Banks. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, on the evening of December 20th, Gertrude and Wendell drove to Bryan, Ohio, where they were married by a justice of the peace behind a small gas station. That evening began 70 years of unconditional love and devoted marriage. Following his draft, Wendell served in the US Army Air Corp during WWII, stationed in the Fiji Islands. Upon his discharge, the family settled in Gobles and Wendell began his entrepreneurships. Over 45 years he owned many businesses in Southwest Michigan, many in Gobles including the confectionary, the dry goods store and an insurance office. Most recently he had owned Hurlbut's Grocery in downtown Gobles. He always continued to be a supporter of shopping local. Wendell was a founding member of the Gobles-Pine Grove Fire Board, served on the city council, was the first president of the Gobles-Kendall Improvement Club, and was a life member of the Hudson Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. He and Gertrude enjoyed traveling around the US with friends and their children. His family includes his wife, Gertrude; his children: Judy and Jim Bours of Delton, Dennis and Wynne Hurlbut of Gobles, and Cathy Esman and Charlie Babcock of Dowling; grandchildren: Sara and Shane Ashley, Jeff Bours, Traci Hurlbut, Kari and Andy Northey, Justin Hurlbut and Karen Weissert, Brett and Jen Esman, and Mandi Esman

and Matt Daley; great-grandchildren: Jaden and Clay Ashley and Connor Esman. He was preceded in death by his great-granddaughter Kelli. Friends may visit with Wendell's family on Sunday from 3-6 PM at the GOBLES CHAPEL, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, where his funeral service will be held on Monday, September 10, at 11 AM, with Pastor Carol Newman officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Allegan with military honors. Memorial donations may be made to Gobles School Foundation or the Wings of Hope Hospice. Please share a memory of Wendell or words of condolence with his family at www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

112 Locust St.
Allegan, MI 49010

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Gobles Chapel
208 West Main Street
Gobles, MI

Service

SEP **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Steve And Sherry Neeser lit a candle in memory of Wendell Dennis Hurlbut



Steve and Sherry Neeser - September 11, 2012 at 03:31 AM

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“ Dear Gertrude, Judy, Dennis, Cathy & Families,
My thoughts are with you all. Know that your Husband and Father
and my Friend has left you with many years of wonderful memories
that will last forever. God bless you!

Verna Stroud-Patterson - September 09, 2012 at 05:03 AM

MC

“ Judy, Sara, Jeff, and family:
How envious I am that you had such a great man in your life for so
long. He sounds like he was loving and loved. He must've been very
proud of his descendents!
Love and hugs from Mary, Jamie, and Jacob Collier ?

Mary Collier - September 08, 2012 at 12:13 PM



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September 08, 2012 at 03:31 AM

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TO THE HURLBUT FAMILY...THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS..

PHYLIS FRISBIE

PHYLLIS E FRISBIE - September 10, 2012 at 10:37 AM



“ To the entire Hurlbut family; My thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. Uncle Wendell was a wonderful man, and I have great memories visiting when they owned the store, and when they lived out at the lake. I remember Uncle Wendell and my Dad getting together, sharing jokes, stories, and teasing the kids, when they thought they could get away with it. Great times, wonderful memories, always cherished, never forgotten.



Sue Stansbury - September 07, 2012 at 07:43 PM

ND

“ Nila Tincher Dubas lit a candle in memory of Wendell Dennis Hurlbut



Nila Tincher Dubas - September 07, 2012 at 05:25 PM

ND

Cathy,
I so so sorry to hear about your dads passing. I remember us playing "store" in the other part of store your parents had when we were small and going to the lake where you lived. You had really great parents. Sending prayers your way. :-)

Nila Tincher Dubas - September 07, 2012 at 05:28 PM

JT

“ *John and Tracy Texter purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Wendell Dennis Hurlbut.*



John and Tracy Texter - September 07, 2012 at 03:35 PM