



Arlen S. Blank

July 13, 1934 - November 14, 2018

Arlen Siebert Blank aged 84 of Ludington passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at his home. Arlen was born on July 13, 1934 in Lansing, the son of Leonard John and Helene Margaret (Siebert) Blank and graduated from Lansing Eastern High School with the class of 1951. Arlen attended Michigan State University before working for the State of Michigan. On August 23, 1958 he married Janice Yarhouse in Ewart and they celebrated 60 years of marriage this year. Arlen lived and worked in the Lansing area before retiring and moving to Ludington in 1999. Along with working for the State of Michigan, Arlen worked at Bill Otto Buick, Fox Forage Harvesters, and for many years as a salesman for Massey-Ferguson Tractors, and RAM Communications. In retirement he worked at Wal-Mart Superstore in Ludington.

From the time he was a young boy, Arlen enjoyed trains as his father worked for the railroad. He was very knowledgeable about them and had quite a collection of train sets. He also enjoyed woodworking projects and saving just about everything because you never know when you might need some rare part. When his boys were younger, he served as Scout Leader for their Boy Scout Troop in Lansing. Arlen and Janice were members of Scottville United Methodist Church.

Arlen will be greatly missed by his wife Janice, his sons Arlen Michael Blank

of Ludington and Christopher John (Karen) Blank of Lansing; his daughter-in-law Stacy Miller of Ludington; his grandchildren Jessica Blank of Ludington, Connor, Liam, and Shanna Robertson all of Lansing; and his sister Christiane Blank-Knaus of Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Celebration of Arlen's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 24 at the Scottville United Methodist Church with his pastor, Rev. Rick Hodgeson officiating. Friends may meet with his family for a time of visitation on Saturday from 1:00 – 2:00 pm at the church. Those who wish to remember Arlen with a memorial donation are asked to consider the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, or the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends & Family

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Methodist Church of Scottville
114 West State Street
Scottville, MI 49454

Celebration of Life Service

NOV **24**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Pratt Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Arlen S. Blank.* ”



The Pratt Family - November 23, 2018 at 11:53 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - November 23, 2018 at 11:10 AM



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Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - November 21, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Arlen S. Blank.*



November 20, 2018 at 08:37 PM



“ *I can recall playing catch in our front yard when I was around 12 or 13 years old. We lived at the bottom of a hill and I looked to see a car rolling down the hill. Some kids up the street were in their parents car and had accidentally released the parking brake. I ran into our garage and told dad there was a car rolling down the street. Without hesitation he came out of the garage, ran across the yard and street in front of the car to the driver side, opened the door, climbed in the car and activated the emergency brake while holding his arm up to keep the young child that was still in the back seat from coming forward into the windshield. No one ended up hurt and the car upon stopping lurched forward and barely touched another neighbors car on the street but caused no damaged. I remember being amazed at how fast he reacted, how fast he could run, and how selfless of an act this was. That is one of the reasons among countless others that dad is my hero and greatest role model*

chris blank - November 17, 2018 at 08:29 AM