



Melvin Claypool

March 31, 1929 - February 16, 2026

Melvin Claypool age 96 of Scottville passed away on Monday, February 16, 2026. Melvin was born on March 31, 1929 in Amber Township, the oldest child of Melvin Linus and Nettie (Ames) Claypool and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1947. On August 29, 1959 he married Doris Potter Trim in Ludington and they celebrated 54 years together before Doris preceded him in death in 2014. Melvin was also preceded in death by his parents; his sons Richard and Ralph Claypool, his daughter Darlene Dawson; and his brother and sisters Stella Danielson, John Claypool, Ruth Johnson, and Nettie Claypool.

Melvin was a Carpenter by trade, but was much more than that – he was a Master Craftsman. He made furniture of all kinds and was well known for his custom cabinetry. He constructed and installed cabinets for many high ranking officials in the state, including the Governor of Michigan, but it was the personal items he made for members of his family that meant the most to him. Melvin enjoyed the quiet found in hunting and fishing, and most recently became an avid reader. He and Doris were longtime members of Victory Baptist Church.

Melvin will be greatly missed by his children Robert (Carol) Trim of Grand Rapids, William (Judy) Trim of Ludington, Dr. Lori Claypool (Lisa Hessheimer, PhD) of Memphis, MO, Penny (Bill) Deming of Fenton; his daughter-in-law

Debbie Claypool of Shelby Twp.; his son-in-law Jeff Dawson of St. John's; his "surrogate" daughter Christy Christmas of Ludington; 24 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren and great, great-children; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held for Melvin at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 21 at Victory Baptist Church with his grandson Pastor Jory Trim officiating. Burial will take place next to his beloved Doris at South Victory Cemetery later this spring. Friends may meet with Melvin's family on Saturday morning from 11:00 am until time of services at the church. Those who wish to remember Melvin with a memorial donation are asked to please consider Victory Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

South Victory Cemetery

2950 West Fisher Road
Ludington, MI 49431

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Victory Baptist Church
4353 N. Stiles Road
Scottville, MI 49454

Funeral Ceremony

FEB 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvin Claypool.*



February 20 at 04:37 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of summer's up at Black Lake with Mel, Imogene, and the kids, and sometimes we were joined by the Parker's. I picture my mom and Imogene in the kitchen, canning salmon as fast as they could during the salmon derby. I'll never forget the day Mel and Dad headed out salmon fishing and they had engine trouble. They came back to Scottville, cut down two trees to use as posts, put a board across the top, which they used to haul the old engine out of the boat. They then went to a junkyard and got a used engine, put it back in the boat and were out fishing again by the afternoon. They were too very determined fisherman, and we sure enjoyed the canned salmon, the rest of the year. Mel was such a gentle, soft spoken, kind man. We remember him with great fondness. We weren't family by blood, but we were family by choice. What joy it will be when we all are reunited in Heaven.*



Sheri McGee - February 19 at 04:12 PM

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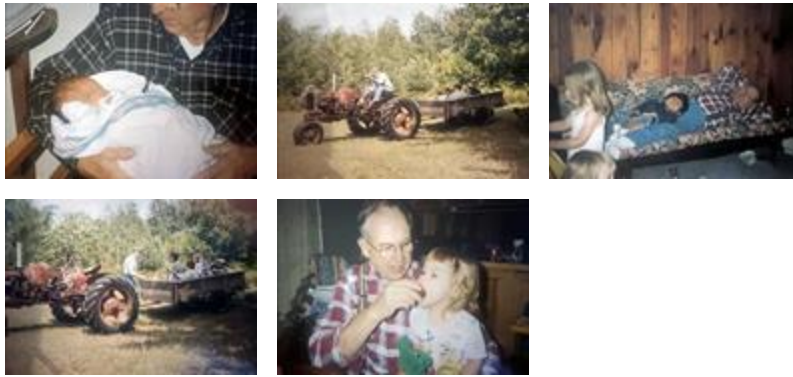
“ Cap Region OB and Kadie Bopp purchased the S imply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Claypool.



Cap Region OB and Kadie Bopp - February 19 at 02:05 PM



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Wyman Funeral & Cremation Services - February 19 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ Mel was one of my closest friends for years. Always a gentleman story. We were wondering why Mel was gaining weight on one job we were doing, every morning he would bring us apple fritters one morning I was getting gas and I saw Mel come out with a bag of 4 fritters and a 5th fritter was in his mouth eating it. When he showed up with work, there was always only 4 fritters he ate one before he got to work. Mel was one of the best men I ever worked with . He will be missed. My condolences to the family.

Jim Sutton - February 19 at 04:16 AM

JC

“ In memory we will no forget Mel he was close to his brother John and his sisters. I am Jane John’s wife my family will be notified ofMel’s passing. Thanks Lorie for your note on line. Our thoughts are with the family during this spiritual memory. Got Blessed all. My email: clayppljane@gmail.com Your Aunt Jane

Jane Claypool - February 18 at 09:07 PM

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Penny Deming - February 17 at 07:57 PM

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Penny Deming - February 17 at 07:43 PM

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