



## Donald F. Cramer

August 21, 1931 - June 23, 2011

CROSWELL Age 79, died Thursday, June 23, 2011 in the Sanilac Medical Care Facility, Sandusky.

He was born August 21, 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio, son of the late Alfred and Agnes (Lloyd) Cramer. He and Janice A. Gerwin were married on January 14, 1950 in Eastpointe.

Don retired from General Motors after 35 years as a die sinker. He was a member of the Mormon Church, the Moose Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was past president of the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). He served on the Sanilac County Mental Health Board and a former member of the Sanilac Co. United Way board. Don touched many lives as Santa Claus. Don and Janice had lived the last 15 years in Greenbush.

Surviving are his wife, Janice; three sons: David (Linda) of Waterloo, IL, Donald C. (Julie) of Melvin and Michael (Sandy) of Croswell; two daughters Darlene (Lynn) Molesworth of Peck and Diane (Chad) Shreeve of Riverdale, UT; two brothers Daniel of Highland and Roger of Clinton Twp; 17 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Beverly Lynn on April 7, 2000, brothers Gerald Cramer and Robert Rottman, and a sister Gladys Zech. Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. Monday at the Pomeroy Funeral Home, Croswell. Burial will be in the Croswell Cemetery.

Friends may call from 1 to 8 PM Sunday and 10 to 11 AM Monday.



# Tribute Wall

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“ *We have lost a sweet friend.  
My condolences go out to your family. Janice, I think of you often.  
Don left a legacy of love with all of us.  
Your sister in the gospel. Mary*

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**Mary Rouse** - June 29, 2011 at 11:57 PM

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“ *It was with great sadness I read Don's obituary in the paper. My condolences to his entire family. He touched many people in his role as Santa, but I knew him best through his ARC volunteer work as a volunteer guardian.  
He was the guardian for several individuals I worked with as an adult services worker at the Department of Social Services (as it was called at that time.) There was one case I will never forget of an individual with a developmental disability who was being exploited at a farm where he resided. Not only was this individual paying the farmer, but he was doing farm labor daily without pay, was not being fed properly, and was not treated well in other ways. Don was instrumental in removing him from that situation and into a home where he was well cared for and treated respectfully.  
Don was a joy to work with in these difficult situations as he combined compassion with practical action.  
He spoke frequently and warmly to me of his family, and I know they were very important to him. He will be missed by many more than his family will ever realize.  
I'd say rest in peace, Don, but he's probably up in heaven right now lining up things he can help with. I'm sure the good Lord already knows that he has plenty of experience as a guardian angel.*

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**Karen Foster** - June 27, 2011 at 11:36 PM

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“ So Sorry for your Loss

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**Bill & Diane Steinman & family** - June 26, 2011 at 07:53 AM