



Fred R. Bartley

April 20, 1924 - June 5, 2020

Fred Robert Bartley, 96, of Lexington, died Friday, June 5, 2020, at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born April 20, 1924, in Croswell to the late Claude and Samantha (Dunsmore) Bartley. He and Elna M. Kellerman were married Sept. 17, 1949, in Detroit. They shared over 64 years of married life together. She preceded him in death on January 8, 2014.

Fred was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, European Theater, stationed in France and Belgium, 747th Engineer Base Equipment Co. He operated a crane and other such equipment with the company along with loading, unloading and assembling equipment and supplies. He drove truck to deliver supplies for rebuilding bridges throughout France. He was member of Croswell American Legion Post #255.

Fred worked for Michigan Sugar Company for 45 years retiring in 1987. Alongside his wife, Elna, they owned and operated Bartley Orchards where they grew and sold apples, peaches, pears, plums and cherries until his death. Everyone knew him as the Apple Man.

Along with the orchard, his hobbies including riding Harley Davidson motorcycles and woodworking; he built small speed boats, canoes, clocks, and many other projects. Fred and Elna took their children on many camping trips and were members of the Wally Byam Caravan Club where they would travel with their Airstream to the annual rallies across the United States. Fred loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Fred and Elna had several dogs that he would walk everyday around Lexington, he enjoyed visiting with anyone who he would meet.

Fred was an active member at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, where he held multiple roles, including chairman of the congregation, trustee, elder and usher. He loved sharing his faith in Jesus with others and enjoyed going to make visits on people in their homes.

Surviving are son Gary (Patty) of Dowagiac; daughters Lynne Witte of Luther and Gayle (Rev. Bob) Grimm of Alma, KS; 3 grandchildren Erik (Eve) Grimm, Elisabeth (Brandon) Heath and Aaron (Kayla) Grimm; great granddaughter Andrea Grimm; siblings and spouses Sue (Paul) Westbrook, Al (Sally) Bartley, Doug Gielow; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark, and several of his siblings and their spouses, Billy and Marge Bartley, AnnaBelle and Wade Grout, and Sally Gielow.

Graveside Services will be held Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Lexington Cemetery with Rev. Robert Grimm and Rev. Barry Sheldon officiating.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

Military Rites by the Croswell American Legion Post #255.

Memorials may be made the St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Lexington Cemetery

Dennison St.
Lexington, MI 48450

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Pomeroy Funeral Home - Lexington
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Tribute Wall

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“ Fred was one of the kindest persons we have ever met. What made our trips to Lexington so special was our visits with him and sharing the applesauce and jam made with his awesome apples. We will miss him dearly and hold our memories with him close to our hearts.
Lori Friesner and Mike Andrews

Lori Friesner - June 15, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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Judith Pitrago - June 09, 2020 at 10:52 AM

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Judith Pitrago - June 09, 2020 at 10:49 AM

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“ *Condolences to the family.*



Jim Weller - June 09, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends during this time of loss.....*

Stephen Coffelt - June 08, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MK

“ *So very sorry to hear the news but know he is where he wanted to be - with Jesus. Sending lots of love and hugs.*

Mitch & Priscilla Klintworth - June 08, 2020 at 06:01 PM