



Delmar "Joe Del" Imler

September 21, 1935 - August 30, 2011

Coloma – Delmar “Joe Del” Imler, 75, passed away on Tuesday, August 30, at his home in Coloma.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, September 3, at the First General Baptist Church, 6335 North Shore Drive, in Coloma, with Pastor Tom Langston officiating. Burial will follow at the Watervliet City Cemetery with Military Rites. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00, Friday evening, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 249 E. Center St., in Coloma. Per the family’s request, St. Louis Cardinal’s baseball attire is encouraged. Memorials may be made to either Hospice at Home or to the Berrien County Cancer Service. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Joe Del was born Sept. 21, 1935 in Dyess, Arkansas to William and Campie Imler. He proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict. Joe Del will be remembered for his love of both music and his family. He was a born entertainer and a lover of country music. Joe Del had a commanding voice and enjoyed both composing country music and playing his guitar. His band, ‘Joe Del and the Delawares’ was known throughout Michigan. “Anything he did, he did well or he wouldn’t do it.” Additionally, Joe Del loved fishing, telling stories, traveling, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. Most of all, Joe Del loved his family and cherished having his family around him. It

may have taken time for one to be accepted by him, but once he accepted a person, they were “in” and that person was affectionately given a nick-name. His children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the “loves of his life and could do no wrong.”

Joe Del is survived by his wife and bride, Donna; children, David (Ava) Imler of Coloma, Didi (Gerry) Scheuchner of Trenton, Illinois, Michael, Sr. (Ginger) Imler of Coloma, Donna (Evans) Costner of Watervliet, and Amanda Imler of Watervliet; step-children, Tracy (Marion) Parmer of North Carolina, Chris Parmer of Coloma, Lynn (Dan) Schmidt of Texas, and Curtis (Marie) Parmer of Ann Arbor; 20 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and by his brother, Dub Imler of Arkansas.

Joe Del was preceded in death by his first wife, Della Rosetta; daughter, Diana Lynn Imler; brothers, Robert, Raymond, Richard, Paul, Grady, Willie Imler and L.C. Pruitt; nephews Bobby Joe, Danny and John Imler; mother and father-in-law, Nick and Louise Pool; and by his step-son, Edward Parmer, III.

Cemetery Details

Watervliet City Cemetery

Red Arrow Highway, N. side, 1/4 mi. E. of M-140
Watervliet, MI 49098

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
249 East Center Street
Coloma, MI 49038
(269) 468-3181
staff@florin.net

Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

First General Baptist Church
6365 North Shore Dr.
Coloma, MI

Tribute Wall



“ Florin Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Florin Funeral Services - August 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Didi Scheuchner lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Didi Scheuchner - September 13, 2011 at 07:30 AM

DS

It has been two weeks and I still can't believe you are gone. And soon, this sight will disappear, as well. But, you will never disappear from my heart, Dad. I will always have you close to me, there. I miss you, Daddy.

Didi Scheuchner - September 13, 2011 at 07:34 AM

SS

“ i met Joe Del when Phil Mann was singing with him in a singing group. He was a very nice man and was Blessed with a very good voice. i loved to hear him and Phil sing together. My Prayers are with Sis. Donna and her family. Love and GOD Be With All Of YOU.



Susan Debra Salmons - September 08, 2011 at 05:56 AM

MM

“ Mona Lee Crisler (maiden Name McClanahan lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



mona lee crisler (maiden name McClanahan - September 08, 2011 at 05:49 AM

HS

“ Holly Scheuchner lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Holly Scheuchner - September 07, 2011 at 10:36 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Scheuchner lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Jennifer Scheuchner - September 07, 2011 at 10:18 PM



“ *Grampa Imler, you were special you named me trouble and would always give me a kiss on the cheek.. i remember all the get togethers and you singing and just good times with you....and i remember always telling you, "look at you trying to be all tuff" and you would laugh and say girl your trouble... i miss you and love you! my momas up their with you! you guys behave! and look over us!*

Kristy Walker - September 07, 2011 at 06:32 PM



“ *I miss you so much grandpa the way you made me and Michael laugh all the time even when you were ill you knew how to make us feel oh so happy..... You were one of few that I knew I was able to run to day or night adn you'd always be there...I love you dearly and miss you :'(....Everytime I see your pictures I begin to cry It hurts to know your never coming back...Love you grandad from me and Michael*



Ashley Ann Imler - September 07, 2011 at 04:49 PM



“ *The Cards won again last night daddy. I miss talking to you about the games. I miss you so very much. Lighting a red candle for you today dad. Lets go redbirds!*



AMANDA - September 07, 2011 at 01:46 PM

NI

“ Nicki Imler-Huggins lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Nicki Imler-Huggins - September 06, 2011 at 01:42 PM

CH

“ Cheri lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Cheri - September 06, 2011 at 01:02 PM

DC

“ Donna Costner lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Donna Costner - September 06, 2011 at 11:20 AM

DC

Daddy, I miss you more than words can say. i got a lot of things from you growing up.... Your love of buttermilk, tomatoes, watermelon, and braunsweiger sandwiches. But most of all I got your sense of love and dedication to your children. That is something I will always be grateful to you for. I have been remembering all the things you did and sacrifices you made for your family and how much you loved us all. I could never have asked for a better dad. you were an amazing person and you gave me a life time of love and memories that will always be in my heart. I will miss everyday and will send you a kiss every night in my prayers. I love you Daddy!!!

Donna Costner - September 06, 2011 at 11:28 AM

AM

“ Amanda lit a candle in memory of Delmar
"Joe Del" Imler



amanda - September 06, 2011 at 12:30 AM

GM

“ Ginger Marie lit a candle in memory of Delmar
"Joe Del" Imler



Ginger Marie - September 05, 2011 at 07:20 PM

AI

“ Ava Imler lit a candle in memory of Delmar
"Joe Del" Imler



Ava Imler - September 04, 2011 at 08:20 AM

JI

“ Jessica Imler lit a candle in memory of
Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Jessica Imler - September 03, 2011 at 06:26 PM

Jl

“ My Grandpa was probably my favorite person on earth...always was! As a kid, every single time he came to see my brother and I, he would hide a kitkat candy bar in his shirt pocket and act like it was a surprise that it was there! For as long as I can remember, He called me his "brownberry" because I was so tan! I am so thankful that my children got to meet and know their "Poppi"! I am not a fan of country music, but I would stop in my tracks and listen every time I heard him sing. He had a voice that would make time stand still...There is a huge hole in my heart that will never be filled now that he is gone! I will miss you and your nasty buttermilk Grandpa...I love you...forever & always!
<3 Brownberry

Jessica Imler - September 03, 2011 at 06:26 PM

MM

“ I remember when we lived in Sisters Lakes and the band would come over for practice an Del would sing Green Green Grass of Home just for me cause it was my favorite.and he would sing momma tried for Didi.We would go fishing at watervaliet park after dark.I remeber Didi and Donna being my first sisters ever. I remember Del always treatingme like I was one of his children.I wss proud to call him dad for a little while.

Mona Lee Crisler (maiden name McClanah) - September 02, 2011 at 06:00 AM

LM

“ I had only met Mr. Imler a few times. But by knowing some of his children, I know what a good man he was. The apple don't fall far from the tree. Our hearts and prayers are with you.
The Murphy's

Laura Murphy - September 01, 2011 at 10:04 PM

KB

“ I think I spent as much time at the Imler House when Didi and I were growing up as I did at my own! I will always remember the great times!

Kim Gaddie Blaess - September 01, 2011 at 06:51 PM

DI

Yes, Kim, you did. And he always liked you. He never worried when I was with you. He even forgave you for the haircut! Thank you for sharing that memory as it had slipped my mind. It makes me smile. ...I can't believe the time has gone by..it seems like it was yesterday. I will miss him very much. Thank you for thinking of him and me.Didi

Didi Imler-Scheuchner - September 06, 2011 at 12:05 PM

AI

“ Oh daddy, I cant believe youre gone. Even though youve been sick for a while, I always thought you were superman and nothing could beat you. But I know youre not suffering anymore and I know you would never want us to suffer. Whenever I would cry you would say "Dont cry baby, aint nothing in this world worth cryin over." Up until now, you were right. I promise you I will fight for whats right and do all the things we talked about. I will think about you every moment of every day and try to be everything you hoped for me. I wish we had more time together, but no amount of time will ever be enough. Thank you for everything you did for your family and for never letting the opportunity to tell me you loved me pass. Thank you so much for that. I will always have your voice in my head saying- I love ya my darlin daughter, I love ya more than youll ever know. I hope you knew how much you were loved and although my heart is broken I am happy youre not in pain anymore. I will love you as long as I live and will never forget how lucky I was to be your daughter.

Amanda Imler - September 01, 2011 at 05:15 PM

AM

“ U must have been an amazing strong man, Cause u have an amazingly strong daughter, Amanda is one of the kindest, honest people I know and I am sure that you had a great deal to do with that... Ur family will miss u but never forget u!

Amanda Marie - September 01, 2011 at 05:02 PM

Aaron
Hilton

“ Rest in peace Mr. Imler, although I did not know you personally, the tribute that Amanda wrote to you, made me realize what a wonderful man and father you were. Godspeed.

Aaron Hilton - September 01, 2011 at 04:56 PM

GS

DONNA, SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT MY FRIEND JOE DEL ! HE AND I PLAYED ,SANG, AND LAUGHED, ALOT WHEN I PLAYED IN HIS BAND YEARS AGO AND I HAVE LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES OF HIM !! OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME GARY & SANDY SEARS

GARY L SEARS - September 02, 2011 at 11:59 PM

MD

“ Donna and family,s sorry for your loss. Will always remember stories of Joe Del writing song lyrics on brown paper sacks!! Joe Del, Milt, Donnie, and J.R. are all together now singing 'bout the ood ole boys!!!!!!



Mary and Greg Dean - September 01, 2011 at 03:32 PM

MD

“ Donna and family, so sorry for your loss. We will always remember stories of Joe Del writing lyrics to songs on brown paper sacks, him, and Milt, and Donnie, and J.R. are all together now sing 'bout the good ole boys!!!!!!



Ma and Greg Deanry - September 01, 2011 at 03:27 PM

RI

“ My condolences to your family.....



Rebekah Imler - September 01, 2011 at 02:48 PM

LT

“ Lisa Thomas lit a candle in memory of Delmar "Joe Del" Imler



Lisa Thomas - September 01, 2011 at 11:54 AM

DS

“Daddy, I will miss your laugh and your smile. I will miss your voice the most I think. You had such an awesome voice and even when you were just talking, it got everyone's attention. I can hear it in my mind right now, as I type this. You were one in a million and a truly special man. I love you and you will always be in my heart. I know that you are in a good place right now, with mama and your brothers and Johnny. I can feel your happiness. Thank you for all the love you gave me. Someday, I will feel your hug again. In the meantime, give yourself a hug from me and mama too. I love you, Daddy!.....Didi

Didi Scheuchner - September 01, 2011 at 11:36 AM

KS

Didi, I am thinking of you, praying for you. When you get home and want to get together...I am here to listen, talk, whatever. Be careful on drive up and back. Keep me informed of your travels. Love and prayers to all your family. Kim Stephens and family

Kim Stephens - September 01, 2011 at 12:54 PM