



Elmer J. Flener

March 13, 1954 - September 17, 2010

Elmer J. Flener, 56, of Benton Harbor died Friday, September 17, 2010 at his home.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 2 PM Thursday, September 23, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor with Rev. David Haase officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus Township where military rites will be held. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Memorials may be made to the family. To share memories or photos, visit www.florin.net.

Elmer was born on March 13, 1954 in Coloma. He married the former Patricia Keath and together they have celebrated 38 years of marriage. Elmer retired in 1996 as Master Gunnery Sergeant in the US Marine Corp after 24 years of service to his country. Since that time he has been a taxidermist. Elmer hobbies were fishing and hunting. He was a lifetime member of the Marine Corp League and a member of the VFW Post #1137. He was proud of his Marine Corp service and a good Marine. Elmer had a big heart and liked people and was a great husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; his children, Phillip Flener of Benton Harbor, Bradley Flener of Benton Harbor and Michelle (Michael) Wade of

Hawaii; his mother, Eva Mae Hopper, of Nashville, TN; his sister, Glenda Wyatt, of Savannah, TN and his 5 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Elmore, and 3 brothers, Gary, Gerald, and Gilbert.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Service

SEP **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP **23** (ET)

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery
5508 S. Pipestone Road
Sodus, MI 49126

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Pat. I'm so sorry about Elmer. My sincere condolences to you and family. I've been trying to get a hold on you. Chad passed 3-27-13 My son Dan still has his first fish that Elmer mounted. Maria Lucia Harrison

Maria Harrison - September 07, 2019 at 04:22 PM

John
Duncan

“ Patricia, I want to say I'm deeply sorry to hear about Elmer. I'm keeping you and your family in my prayers for strength through this moment. One of the most memorable moments I had with Elmer is when we ran track and played football together. This guy was a competitor, in everything. He can make you laugh when you're not expecting it. A GREAT GUY. In one of the football games we played on Varsity, We went undefeated in the league. He scored the only touchdown on our team, against Bridgman. 7-0 it ended up. In a MUD Bowl! He was co-captain on the track team also. He ran the Mile. And the Mile re-lay. Elmer was good. Whatever he put his heart into. I wished I would have had a chance to see him again after he got out of the service. He had the same interest as I do. Family, Hunting and Fishing. Well I Pray that we will never lose the memories we had with Elmer on this Earth. What a Great Guy. Friends, John Duncan.



John Duncan - September 23, 2010 at 09:15 PM

DH

“ I thank God for putting Elmer into my life. It has been an honor to know him. He is a very honorable man and our country will never understand the contribution he gave so we can have freedom. He is a good husband, father and friend. Elmer never turned his back on any of his family. In fact he stood up to everyone when he felt someone in our family needed help. God's grace and peace live with Elmer forevermore.

Blessings - Pastor Dave Haase

David Haase - September 23, 2010 at 10:59 AM

SB

“ So sad to hear of his passing. He will surely be miss by all that knew him. Our prayers go out to the family.....



scot bunnie - September 22, 2010 at 06:14 AM

AW

“ And Bunnie Woods lit a candle in memory of Elmer J. Flener



and Bunnie woods - September 21, 2010 at 02:56 PM

DW

“ *Don & Val Wilson lit a candle in memory of Elmer J. Flener*



Don & Val Wilson - September 20, 2010 at 02:31 PM