



Emery Rantz

July 2, 1923 - May 11, 2016

Emery Rantz, 92, of Stevensville passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Lakeland Medical Center.

Services celebrating his life with Military Honors will be held in June at the Coloma Cemetery. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Emery was born on July 2, 1923 in Sawyer to Fred and Edyth (Tatro) Rantz. He was the 7th of 11 children born to them. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1942 and joined the US Army in Jan of 1943. Emery was proud of his military record having served his country and participated in the European Campaign from 1943 to 1945. He was 1 of 5 brothers that were in WWII at the same time which was a remarkable contribution. His eldest brother, Dale, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge and is buried in Luxembourg. Emery was able to visit the beautiful cemetery. He was a life member of the VFW. He married his wife, Jean Urch, in 1948 and together they have celebrated 67 years of marriage. Both Emery and his wife, Jean, are retired from Whirlpool. After retirement they spent many years wintering in Florida and Mississippi. Emery was an avid golfer and also enjoyed coaching his sons and others for many years in the Lakeshore Youth Baseball Association. A very enjoyable and rewarding time in their lives was being able

to work security at the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, GA which they did for 18 years. Emery was a caring and honest individual who made friends with everyone.

He leaves behind his wife, Jean; his children, Timothy (Ferny) Rantz of Stevensville and Mark (Susan) Rantz of Lansing; his granddaughters, Whitney Rantz, Kayla (Bradford) Witt, and Rachel Rantz; his great granddaughter Eloise Mae Witt and his sister, Geraldine McLear of St. Joseph.

Cemetery Details

Burial of Remains at A Later Date

Tribute Wall

PD

“ *To the Rantz Family,
Dianne and I are sad to hear of the passing of Emery. When we think of the many people with whom we have crossed paths, Emery was one of those people who brought joy to life. I recall Emery telling me stories of the golf courses he visited over the years - he had a unique way of making you feel like you were right there with him. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for your family during this sad time.*
Pat & Dianne Dwyer.

Patrick & Dianne Dwyer - June 01, 2016 at 03:44 PM

MY

“ *Emory's Family,
John and I were so sad to read of his passing. We both worked at Whirlpool although not directly with Emory but back when everyone knew each other. He was a special man, always friendly and with a sparkle in his eye. Sending prayers of comfort and strength for Jean and family.*
John & Marge yetzke

Marge Yetzke - May 17, 2016 at 08:36 AM

MR

Thank you so much for sharing your thoughts about my Dad. We miss him and at the same time cherish the memories. Your perspective about him bring us happiness! Mark

Mark Rantz - May 17, 2016 at 08:59 PM

JG

“ Jean and Family, Our deepest sympathy to you for the loss of Emery. Emery was one of our heroes in life, he contributed so much to all who knew him and worked with him. His contributions to this country, the community, his work, and of course his family and friends are measured in the bounties he contributed to this country, community and work, but the beauty of his family was his greatest accomplishment. As friends, Esther and I always looked forward to being with him and you. You both always enriched our lives and gave us so much joy to have friends like you.

God Bless, Julius and Esther Grau

Julius Grau - May 16, 2016 at 07:39 PM

MR

Thank you Mr & Mrs. Grau. Your words provide tremendous comfort. Also, condolences to you on the recent loss of your brother.

Mark Rantz - May 16, 2016 at 09:09 PM

AM

“ Jean, Tim and Mark, our sincere condolences. He always had a smile on his face and a kind thing to say about all he met.
Ann and Scott Musser

Ann Musser - May 14, 2016 at 02:00 PM

MR

Thank you Ann and Scott. Kind words for a kind man...thanks.

Mark Rantz - May 15, 2016 at 06:00 AM

MW

“ *Tim, Mark and Mrs. Rantz,*

So sorry to hear of your loss, Mr. Rantz was always a good friend to Tim's friends so I've lost a friend. I'm sure he's walking those greens in Georgia. God Bless Mike Woods

Mike Woods - May 13, 2016 at 11:40 PM

MA

Thanks Mike and I believe you our correct about walking the greens. He loved the whole Master's experience.

Mark - May 14, 2016 at 07:09 AM

TC

“ *Mrs. Rantz, Tim, Mark and Family, You have my deepest sympathy for the loss of Mr. Rantz. He was a great neighbor and friend to my dad, mom and brother. He took my brother to the Lakeshore games after my dad could not. He will be missed by my family*

Teresa (Racz) Case

Teresa Case - May 13, 2016 at 03:38 PM

MA

Thank you Teresa. My Dad adored Mike and we have many, many happy memories of Mike visiting our house.

Mark - May 13, 2016 at 06:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Kayla Witt - May 13, 2016 at 01:33 PM

MC

“ Jean and family, so sorry to hear of Emery's passing. We did have some good times visiting and occasionally having a bite to eat. Will keep the family in prayers.

Mildred Christians - May 13, 2016 at 07:24 AM

MA

Thank you Millie.

Mark - May 14, 2016 at 07:06 AM