



Nylor G Hartwig

February 19, 1925 - February 11, 2021

Nylor G. Hartwig, 95, of Coloma died on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at The Willows Assisted Living Center in St. Joseph, Michigan. He was born on February 19, 1925, to Gustave and Rose Ertman Hartwig, and was a graduate of Eau Claire High School Class of 1944, where he lettered in basketball and played tuba in the marching band. He married Clara Jean Snyder on March 18, 1944.

Mr. Hartwig farmed with his father and for the Ben Bittner Farms of Eau Claire before going to work for the John Taylor Machine shop, where he apprenticed in tool and die. He then worked at Advanced Products and at Modern Plastics of Benton Harbor, retiring in 1987. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII at Fort Jackson, South Carolina and at Fort Lewis in Washington State.

Mr. Hartwig was a member of the Coloma United Methodist Church for over 44 years with earlier memberships at New Hope United Methodist Church of Bainbridge Township and Chapel Hill United Methodist Church of Sodus. He and his wife were awarded the Outstanding Christian Service Award by the Berrien County Association of Churches in 1997. He was a lay member of the West Michigan Conference of the United Methodist Church.

He volunteered at Community Hospital in Watervliet, the North Berrien County Food Pantry, and was active in the Tri-City CROP walk for years. He also

volunteered with the Blossomtime Queen contest and served as a youth camp counselor for his church. He delivered noon meals to seniors for the North Berrien Senior Center, spent many hours repairing and remodeling the church, and enjoyed his hobby of woodworking, making items for family, church, and the hospital.

Of his many life experiences, one of his most memorable was driving to Anchorage, Alaska-on two separate occasions. Perhaps his next memorable was when he learned to fly, fulfilling a life-long dream, and was later forced to land in the raspberry fields of his in-law's Sodus farm when his plane stalled on a cold winter's day.

Mr. Hartwig is survived by his three daughters, Linda Kaye of St. Joseph, Tia Marie Moroney (Thomas) of Ada, Michigan, and Cathryn Ashley Snyder Mock (John) of Sodus. He was preceded in death by his wife of 73 years, Clara Jean Snyder Hartwig, and his son Larry Nylor Hartwig; a God and Country Award Boy Scout. Other survivors include his sister, Arbutus Zwar of St. Joseph, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private Family Services were held at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial followed at North Shore Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Coloma United Methodist Church, PO Box 670, Coloma, Michigan. 49038. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Tribute Wall

SM

“ This man occupied a warm spot in my heart. Had him for a Sunday School teacher and VBS teacher when I visited my grandparent's church (New Hope UMC in Bainbridge) as a child. He was such a sweet kind man! May you continue to be comforted by what he added to the world and the impact he had on others.

Sharyl Mart - October 09, 2023 at 02:55 PM

SP

“ Sending love, prayers and energy to the entire Hartwig Family! I grew up with Tia and always enjoyed the opportunities to speak to Nylor. My most sincere condolences for the entire Hartwig Family.

Steph Page

Stephen Page - February 25, 2022 at 12:45 AM

TF

“ Thank you to all who have shared their condolences through these postings. Your memories of our Dad, your kind words of comfort, and the prayers you have lifted on our behalf, have all touched our hearts tenderly. Warmly, John and Ashley, Linda, and Tom and Tia.

The Nylor Hartwig Family - March 06, 2021 at 07:58 AM

KS

“ I was a classmate of your brother Larry. Never a time that I saw your parents at the Glad Peach Festival they did not acknowledge me with a hug. God's blessings shall be given to them now for all their kindness here on earth.

Karla kuehl Spencer - February 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

KR

“ John, Ashley, Linda, Tia, Tom and Family, So sorry to hear about Nylor, he was always so loving and kind to those around him. God blessed him with many years. We have many great memories of all the times we were together at family birthday celebrations, and the Snyder reunion. Our thoughts are with you all during this time. Please take care. We love you.

*Jim and Kris Reschke
Denver Colorado*

Kristine Reschke - February 19, 2021 at 10:29 PM

BW

“ When I think of the definition of a good Christian, Nylor is the example I think of. Of the great men I have known in my life he ranks right up there with my Dad, a little prejudice permitted. I always looked forward to his hugs and neck rubs even when I was far away and not sure I'd ever make it back to see him. Thankfully I did and he was just as glad to see me as before I'd left. Clara and he requested that our band learn the old ballad Moonglow for them and we always made sure to play it at the Glad-Peach festival just for them. Hopefully they're dancing to it now.

Bob Wooley

Bob Wooley - February 17, 2021 at 02:10 PM

BK

“ My heart is with the Hartwig family today as they celebrate the life of their father, grandfather, brother, and uncle--Nylor Hartwig. Nye and Clara were 2 of the members of the Coloma United Methodist Church who welcomed me when I moved to Michigan almost 40 years ago. We later belonged to a group at church who met weekly, and our group really had a chance to get to know each other by sharing our stories. After Nye retired, he worked as a courier for lab samples for Community Hospital where my husband was the lab director. It is hard to lose a long time friend. It makes me think of the words of the song "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other is gold." With love and sympathy to Nye's family. He will be missed.
Bonny Kulick

Bonny Kulick - February 17, 2021 at 01:31 PM

JH

“ Grandpa Tire swing! I was blessed to call him Grandpa! He loved me unconditionally even when he easily could have (maybe should have) pushed me away! He was never afraid to tell me how it is when I needed to hear it! I will forever cherish all the amazing memories had at their house! We lost a great man, but Heaven shining a bit brighter now!

Jay Heenan - February 16, 2021 at 09:52 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about Nylor. Our condolences to all of you. They were always there for every family occasion. They always looked so great on the dance floor at all the wedding receptions. .Jean and Dale Kreitner

Jean Kreitner - February 16, 2021 at 09:08 PM

JM

“ Nylon was such a great man. Always had a smile on his face and a hug to offer.

Thank you for your service to our country.

May you rest in heaven with Clara. She will be happy to see you.

Sending condolences to Ashley, Linda & Tia.

Jeanne & Matt McKelvey

jeanne mckelvey - February 16, 2021 at 07:46 PM

LR

“ Spending time with Uncle Nylor and Aunt Clara Jean was always fun and they are in my cherished childhood memories. My deepest sympathy to all of my cousins, and their families.

Lynn H Richardson

Lynn H Richardson - February 16, 2021 at 05:25 PM

LP

“ My name is Linda Peppel, a member of the Coloma UMC. I first worked with Nye during our annual Crop Walk. I coordinated the walk by calling volunteers to donate cookies, work in the kitchen, give water to the walkers and pick some walkers who could not finish the walk and drive them to church. Nye always volunteered as a driver.

I remember Nye picking up some vials of bloodwork at every Drs' clinic to take them to Watervliet Hospital because he was a volunteer. I was one time at the late Dr. Orzame's clinic for a check up when he picked up the bloodworks.

Nye and Clara were our bible study classmates. They faithfully attended every week until Clara got sick and Nye could not drive anymore.

When he was at Willow Retirement, I visited him quite few times.

ONE THING THAT REALLY TOUCHED ME WAS WHENEVER I MENTIONED THE NAME OF CLARA, HE WOULD START TO CRY SAYING " I MISS HER SO MUCH, SHE WAS MY EVERYTHING." I am saying this with tears in my eyes.

Linda Peppel - February 16, 2021 at 03:56 PM

MY

“ I'm so sad to see Ny has passed. He was such a good, Christian, loving man. I will always remember he and Clara with a warm feeling in my heart. We joined Coloma UMC the same day all those years ago and loved interacting with them. As much as he will be missed it is a blessing that he and his love, Clara, are together forever. Sending prayers and good memories to his family.

Marge & John Yetzke - February 16, 2021 at 01:08 PM

DD

“ Ashley, sorry for your loss. Our condolences.
Dan and Sharon Deja

dan and sharon deja - February 16, 2021 at 08:11 AM

SC

“ So sorry to see this, but I am thankful Nye and Clare are together again. I met Nye through church. He was the example of what a true Christian should be. Not a Sunday went by that he did not give me a hug and let me know he cared. He was giving, and loving, following what he learned in church. I aspire to be like this great man and his wonderful wife. God Bless them.

Shirley Churchill - February 16, 2021 at 08:06 AM

JG

“ Even though miles seperated us, and we didn't get to visit very much, we will remember him fondly. He treated and loved us like we were family from the start. Such a gentleman all the time. So grateful to have had grandma and him in our lives. Love and Prayers to all of you! ---Jeff and Julie

Julie Griffiths - February 16, 2021 at 07:34 AM

DA

“ I only have good memories of Uncle Nylor. He was always gentle with lots of love to share. Knowing that he was my Dad's cousin, he will always be an uncle to me. Sympathies and love to Linda, Ashley, and Tia.

Dan - February 16, 2021 at 06:51 AM