



## Woodrow "Woody" Counts

March 29, 1920 - April 29, 2020

Woodrow "Woody" Counts, 100, formerly of Stevensville died Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Woodland Terrace of Paw Paw Lake in Coloma.

Family services will be held at North Shore Memory Gardens. A Gathering of remembrance will be held later this summer. Cremation will be held.

Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Memorial may be made to Smile Train Childrens' Charity or Hospice at Home. Please share messages, memories, or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Woody was born on March 29, 1920 in Manila, AR to Lonnie and Asalee Counts. He served our country in the US Army during WWII in the European Theater where he received 4 Bronze Stars. Woody married his wife, Ola, on Feb 28, 1942, in Little Rock, AR and she preceded him in death on Dec 9, 1992. Together they celebrated 50 years of marriage. Woody married his 2nd wife, Aubrey in 1999 and she preceded him in death in 2013. He was a carpenter for Pearson Construction for many years and then was a machine repairman at Benedix for 25 years before retiring in 1978. Woody was a member of the DAV and VFW Post 1137. He was an active member over the years of the 12 Corners Community Church. His hobbies include tinkering with small engines and he repaired many lawn mowers to give away to people who needed them. Woody loved to garden and while at Woodland Terrace continued to grow seeds and plants. Many of the plants and cotton plants

around Woodland are a result of Woody's love of gardening. Woody lived a full life and felt that his life was a success because he made people's lives better. He loved and enjoyed his family.

His family includes his children, Jim (Sylvia) Counts of Benton Harbor, Sandra (Doug) Lombard of Mattawan and Janette (Robert) Brink of Millburg; his 7 grandchildren; his 11 great grandchildren and his several nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

**Gathering of Remembrance at a later date**

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Years ago we lived next door to Woody. He was always so kind and helpful. Our family was young then and our boys depended on him to fix their toys or bikes. He was such a delightful man.

Deda Winkler - May 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM

DA

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please know I am praying for you family. Donna Appel-Schramm

Donna Appel-Schramm - May 07, 2020 at 09:12 PM

CA

“ Sandy and Doug; Jim and Sylvia; Jeanette and Bob and your families -  
So sorry to here about the passing of Woody. His memory and kindness always brings a smile to my heart. I was so glad my grandson was able to meet him. They chatted for quite a while. My grandson could not believe anyone was older than his Nana and here was Mr. Counts who was an adult when I was a little girl. So Woody patiently answered all his questions about the “old days”. He always made you feel that he was listening and what you had to say mattered. I know you will miss him and pray for a peace and joy in all the memories you share about him in the days ahead. Love to you all -

Carol (Griffin) Arny  

Carol Arny - May 07, 2020 at 01:46 PM



“ *Papa Woody taught me that success is not measured by the amount of money, possessions, job, influence, or friends you have. Instead success is measured by the amount of people’s lives you make better. Small things like helping neighbors by fixing their lawn mowers; helping the hungry by donating time at soup kitchens; helping friends by opening his house when people need a place to stay; and helping family by always showing love regardless of differences. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

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**Kevin Counts** - May 05, 2020 at 04:12 PM



“ *I looked forward to the trips to visit Woody in his Michigan and his visits to our home in Missouri. Always making me laugh with his wit and story telling.*

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**Larry Simpson** - May 05, 2020 at 12:06 PM



“ *I will always treasure my time with Uncle Woody. My heart hurts and tears are falling as I am writing this with a smile on my face. A smile as I see the twinkle in his eyes and the grin on his face. I loved to hear his voice that he perfected in Arkansas . I hear that voice when I garden, when I repurpose , when I can help another , when I take time for my family and my neighbors, when I get busy on a project, when I am enjoying the little things , when I hear a joke or play on words . He is part of my heart and I was a very lucky girl to have had an in my life. I send my love to all of my Michigan family as we celebrate the legacy of Woodrow Counts ❤️*

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**Sue Simpson** - May 05, 2020 at 12:02 PM

KD

“ I am sorry for your loss. I wish we could be there for the family, but just know you are in my prayers!

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**Kim Dove** - May 04, 2020 at 09:38 PM

JD

“ Woody was a kind and helpful person who was always there if you needed help. He had magical hands to repair many things that was broken or needed repair. He was a great person just to talk with listening to his stories . He will be missed by our family. Our sympathy to the whole family.

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**Jack and Barbara Dove** - May 03, 2020 at 09:58 PM

TS

“ I used to go visit my aunt every Monday until she passed and always had a very entertaining visit because woody would always tell me stories about the good old days and some wonderful jokes, he will be very missed

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**Tammy Schnooberger** - May 02, 2020 at 02:44 PM