



## Donald B. Loar

August 29, 1931 - July 20, 2024

BLISSFIELD- Donald “Bruce” Loar of Blissfield, MI, went to be with the Lord on July 20, 2024 at the age of 92. Bruce was born on August 29, 1931, in Adrian, MI to Graydon and Maud (Welch) Loar.

Anyone who knew Bruce would describe him as a nice, easygoing guy with a dry sense of humor that kept everyone laughing. He cared deeply about his family, friends, and faith; and had been a loyal member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Blissfield for 64 years.

Bruce graduated from Metamora High School in 1949 where he was a star basketball player and a “disputed” ping pong champion.

He entered the United States Army in 1952, stationed in Germany during the Korean war. While there, he joined the army’s basketball team and competed in several ping pong tournaments. He was fortunate to be sent to Germany along with 2 friends from back home. They have remained friends throughout the years and met every Thursday morning at Beckey’s Kountry Kitchen in Blissfield to talk about their army days. Dubbed the “Thursday Morning Crew”, their photo is proudly displayed on the back wall above the booth where they always sat.

In 1956, Bruce married Alma Esther Sliker and they had 51 years together and 3 children before her death in 2008. Bruce was employed at the Blissfield Post Office for 27 years where he rode a bike on the eastside town route for many years before he was given a postal truck.

Bruce enjoyed many hobbies including gardening, golfing, bowling and

watching Tigers baseball and any other sports he could find on TV. In later years, he amassed an impressive small animal figurines collection which he displayed proudly at his home.

Along with his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alton (Rachel) Loar and sisters, Evelyn (Earl) Tipton and Mary (Doug) Scribner. He is survived by his children, Linda (Adolio "Al") Navarro, Cheryl (Daniel) Van Andel and Kenton (Laurie) Loar; nine grandchildren, Catherine (Nate Schull) Navarro, Juanita Navarro, Jennie (Dan) Koester, Joseph (Lindsay Rudolph) Navarro, Charity Loar, Jaron Loar, Karina (fiancé Austin McHaffie-Sharp) Loar, Jaydon Loar and Ryan Loar; one great-grandson, Michael "MJ" Killian; and brother, Wayne (Marion) Loar.

Bruce was a deeply beloved father, grandfather, uncle, cousin, brother and friend. He died peacefully in his home of 64 years where he raised his family. Visitation will take place on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Blissfield. Burial will follow at Toledo Memorial Park in Sylvania, OH.

# Cemetery Details

## Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe Street  
Sylvania, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St.  
Blissfield, MI 49228  
(517) 486-2133  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Funeral Service

JUL **26.** 12:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church  
215 E. Jefferson Street  
Blissfield, Mi

# Tribute Wall



“ Cheryl V. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Donald B. Loar.



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**Cheryl V.** - July 24, 2024 at 12:13 PM



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“ Larry & Betty Tipton and Lori planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald B. Loar.

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**Larry & Betty Tipton and Lori** - July 24, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald B. Loar.



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“ Scott Loar and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald B. Loar.

Scott Loar and Family - July 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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“ Scott Loar and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald B. Loar.



Scott Loar and Family - July 23, 2024 at 12:20 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. I was privileged to be invited to join the Thursday morning breakfast crew while serving in Blissfield. Bruce was always so kind and interested in how me and my family were doing. It was fun to see him interact with those life long friends and hear their stories. My prayers are with his family and loved ones as they mourn his passing but also celebrate a life well lived.  
Blessings, Pastor Devin

Devin Smith - July 22, 2024 at 09:30 PM

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“ Clairand Doris Iffland purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald B. Loar.



Clairand Doris Iffland - July 22, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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“ *All our Love Katie, Robin, Sherri & Maya purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald B. Loar.*



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**All our Love Katie, Robin, Sherri & Maya** - July 22, 2024 at 03:32 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - July 22, 2024 at 12:46 PM