



## Earl Phillips

June 6, 1930 - December 6, 2010

BLISSFIELD – Earl P. Phillips, 80, of Blissfield, passed away Monday, December 6, 2010, at his home under the loving care of his family.

Earl was born June 6, 1930, in Blissfield, the son of Warren E. and Esther (Iffland) Phillips. He graduated from Blissfield High School with the Class of 1948.

On August 19, 1951, Earl married Cora Mae Knierim. Cora, his wife of over 59 years, survives.

Earl owned and operated the family farm, Raisin Valley Farms and Raisin Valley Inc. their trucking business with his father, and later, his two sons. He served as the Ohio Wool Growers Director for Michigan and was active with the Lenawee County Cattlemen's Association. Earl also served on the Blissfield Township Board from 1969 to 1979, and was actively involved with the Farm Bureau.

Earl was a faithful member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Blissfield, where he served in many capacities.

In addition to his wife, Earl is survived by his children: Gary (Lori) Phillips of Blissfield; Sheryl (Dan) Chapman of Adrian; Keith (Brenda) Phillips, Barbara (Dennis) Mitchell, and Joy (Alan) Dickerson all of Blissfield; eight grandchildren: Alaina (Kelly) Hiatt, Shaunna (Adam) Smith, Gina, Kyle and Tyler Phillips, Stephen Mitchell, Jenna and Diane Dickerson; and four great grandchildren: Noah, Jonah, and Anna Hiatt and Jillian Smith. Also surviving is a sister, Alice (Wendell) Goetz of Riga and four step-sisters, Glendora

Klump, Rosamond Maloney, Marlene Keller and Marjorie Cole.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Zelma (Scholl, nee Sell) Phillips; brothers, Lloyd and Keith; and a great granddaughter, Hope Hiatt.

The funeral service for Earl will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2010, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Blissfield with Rev. Aaron Kesson and Rev. Adam Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may visit the family at Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. You may also send condolences to [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Earl may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church and Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 10. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Earl Phillips*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Don and Linda Loar##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 06:12 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. We know Earl will be missed by all who knew him. Jeff enjoyed the conversations he had with him over the years. God Bless.##imported-begin##Jeff and Linda Ehlert##imported-end##*

December 09, 2010 at 12:11 AM



“ *Barb-Dennis, Sorry to hear on the passing of your father and father-in-law. He was a great man. You and your family will be in my prayers and thoughts during this time.##imported-begin##Susan Rose-Evans##imported-end##*

December 08, 2010 at 07:33 PM



“ *We will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this sad time##imported-begin##Dan and Vickie Loar and family##imported-end##*

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“ So sorry to hear about Earl's passing. So many memories from 4-H with Gary, Sheryl, Keith, Barb and Joy. Lots of time spent with your parents and mine. Your dad was a good man and a great father. you were lucky to have him as long as you did. My thoughts and prayers are with you now as you go through this difficult time.##imported-begin##cathy Horky##imported-end##

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