



Melvin Julius Reeck

February 8, 1920 - April 12, 2018

ADRIAN – Thursday, April 12, 2018, Melvin Julius Reeck died as he lived, peacefully, having spent precious time in the midst of the family he loved completely. He was 98 years of age.

Born February 8, 1920, in Taylor, Michigan, he was the oldest son of the late William and Emma (Koch) Reeck, and grew up working on the family farm. During World War II, he was stationed in the Philippine Islands while serving in the Army Air Corps.

On November 29, 1947, Melvin wed Frances (Green) Herrmann, a young widow with three small children, whom he immediately adopted. Thus began a love story that lasted over 70 years.

Melvin and Frances purchased a farm in Palmyra in 1954. It was at this family farm that Melvin, through his example, taught their children a strong work ethic, and sowed seeds of patience, kindness and generosity. Melvin took pride in sharing the vegetables he grew and the bird houses he built. His bird houses can be found from the east coast to the west coast. Melvin lived a life of faith. Jasper Bible Church was an important part of his life.

In addition to his wife, Frances, he is survived by their children: Marilyn (Donald) Smith of Adrian, Frances Landwehr, also of Adrian, Donna (Briscoe) Ellett of Rossville, TN, Audrey (John Scalzitti) Kazimir of Sarasota, FL, Andrea Miller of Franklin, WI, Benjamin Reeck of Attica, MI, and Barbara (David) Wagley of Adrian; son-in-law, Jimmy Kitts of Brookfield, WI; daughter-in-law, Linda Reeck of Tecumseh, MI; numerous grandchildren, including great and

great great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Melanie Kitts; a son, Jack Reeck; sisters, Rachel Koths and Helen Niemann; and brothers, Emery and Eldon Reeck.

Funeral services for Melvin will take place at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with Rev. Bruce Jewett and Rev. Linda Farley officiating and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584 and American Legion Post #97. Burial will follow at Palmyra Cemetery. The family will welcome friends at the funeral home Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. Contributions in memory of Melvin are suggested to Jasper Bible Church Building Fund. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223
Palmyra, MI 49268

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
1501 W. Maumee St.
Adrian, MI 49221
(517) 263-1400
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin Julius Reeck*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



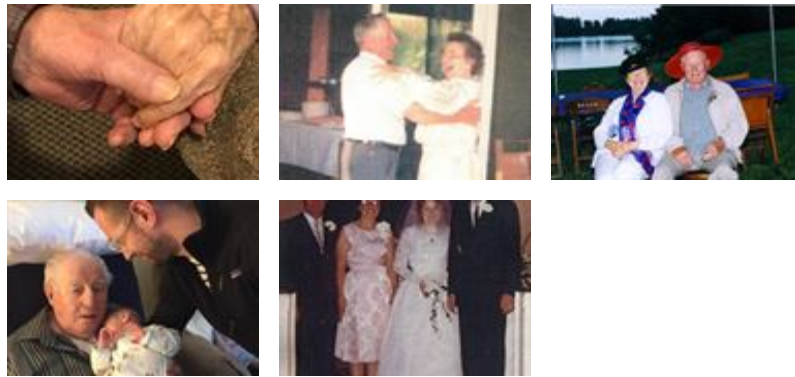
“ *The Gordon and Mildred Miles Family purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



The Gordon and Mildred Miles Family - April 16, 2018 at 02:38 PM



“ *226 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wagley Funeral Home - April 16, 2018 at 01:21 PM

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All the pictures were great to view.

Brenda Etter - April 16, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



April 16, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ *The GE Candidate & Onboarding Technologies Team purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



The GE Candidate & Onboarding Technologies Team - April 16, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ *Laura, Jeanne, Cathy, Tara, Joe and families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



Laura, Jeanne, Cathy, Tara, Joe and families - April 15, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ *The Kuehl Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



The Kuehl Family - April 14, 2018 at 03:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



April 14, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ *Helen Koszykowski and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



Helen Koszykowski and family - April 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



April 13, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Melvin Julius Reeck.*



April 13, 2018 at 11:10 AM

SM

“ *Our deepest sympathy to your family. We will be thinking of you and praying for you over the days ahead. Praise God you can rest in the fact that he is in Heaven with Jesus.*

Scott & Connie Morris

Scott Morris - April 13, 2018 at 10:38 AM

TG

“ *Mr Reeck was one of the finest men we have ever known.*

You can tell a lot about a person by their hands. By this I mean, you can tell the character of the man by his hands. And Mr. Reeck had amazing hands... Strong and Calloused, Crafty (remember those birdhouses!), Giving (of the fruits of his gardens), Gentle (holding his great and grandchildren), Caring and Protective. But what we'll remember most is the Love for his family, this land, and this country.

He was the salt of the earth. He raised a loving family. He toiled the land and fed our nation. He gave back to the community, and he voluntarily served our nation. He is a man to be greatly admired and emulated, a loving family man and American.

Truly a life well lived and reflected in the amazing children and wife he leaves behind. We love them all and thank God for having had the joy of you being in our lives, enriching us beyond words and deeds. Rest in Peace, Mr. Reeck



the Goodriches - April 12, 2018 at 09:57 PM

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“ *Brenda Etter lit a candle in memory of Melvin Julius Reeck*



Brenda Etter - April 12, 2018 at 08:38 PM

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My sincere sympathies to the Reeck family. Melvin was a quite and gentle man.

Brenda Etter - April 12, 2018 at 08:40 PM

BS

*Dear David and Barb
so sorry to see about Barb's dad's passing. He sounded like a wonderful man and servant of God. I can't make it to the visitation or funeral, but you will be in my thoughts and prayers. I lived near Jack's kids for many years. Take care and God bless you. Barb Sell*

Barb Sell - April 16, 2018 at 01:51 PM