



Bruce L. Dryer

August 28, 1928 - March 31, 2014

Bruce L. Dryer, age 85 of Holly, died Mar. 31, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Sat. April 5, 2014 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Rev. Sharlyn Gates officiating. Visitation will be Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 and 7-9 PM. Military honors and burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Mr. Dryer was born in Coldwater, MI on Aug. 28, 1928 the son of Paul and Harriette (Lind) Dryer. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the US Army. He was the former owner of the Dryer Funeral Home of Holly where he worked until the day that he died. He was a member of the Holly Presbyterian Church, Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion of Holly, the Holly Kiwanis, and was a life member of the Holly Masonic Lodge. He was a former Village of Holly Council member and former Village of Holly President. He was devoted to his faith, family, his profession, and the town of Holly. He is survived by his wife Beth; 4 children, Lori (Chuck) Keefer of Holly. Gordon (Peggy) Dryer of Holly, Jane (Thom) Watkins of NC, and Nancy (Michael) Deeb of Ann Arbor; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Paula and his brother Keith Dryer. Memorial donation may be made to the Holly Presbyterian Church or Amel Schwartz Post #149 American Legion. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291

Visitation

APR 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

APR 4. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - March 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *David Duff lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



David Duff - April 14, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JL

“ *Jack And Sue Lowe lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Jack and Sue Lowe - April 08, 2014 at 09:17 PM

BM

“ We were shocked to hear the news about Bruce. Bruce will be missed. Our heart, thoughts and prayers goes out to the Dryer Family and Friends.
Bill McIninch & Family

Bill McIninch - April 07, 2014 at 07:49 PM

DW

“ Here's our story.
Our children always looked for the ketchup man when attending Holly Presbyterian Church's socials. They always looked for Bruce and Beth, and especially THAT red ketchup bottle. Once spotted we always attempted to sit at the same table. You see, our children were always amazed at what Bruce would slurp the ketchup on. They even tried out a few of his combinations.

We heard of Bruce way before we had an opportunity to met him. When we first moved to Holly our wall mates at Whispering Oaks lost a set of twins at around five months. Imagine being very young, pregnant for the first time only to lose your future. And, broke; just starting out with the love of your life. Bruce received the tiny twins and buried them in the same casket saving the new parents money they didn't have.

Finally the day came when I had a chance to meet Bruce. He was every bit of that devoted gentleman that I thought he'd be. Personally, I've never met a man that was more devoted to his wife, his family, the Holly community and to his business.

May the memories of Bruce and Bruce's strength help you through those rough times facing you.

Dennis Wagester - April 05, 2014 at 02:34 PM

KW

“ We should all aspire to reach Bruce's comprehension of the human condition. He "got it." This community has lost its most gracious, humble, and considerate man. He truly cared for others and he provided a shining example of how we should conduct ourselves. May his legacy be a profoundly civil and humane society. Holly is a better community for him leaving his footprints here. Thank you, Bruce, for what you have taught us.

Kevin Walters

Kevin Walters - April 05, 2014 at 11:30 AM

MD

“ Holly has lost one of its greatest assets. Mr. Dryer has served our family for 5 generations, from my great-grandmother, Anna Bigelow, to our infant son, Nathan. We will surely miss his welcome and comforting smile. He felt like part of our family. Our condolences to his wonderful family. We sincerely share your loss. Steve and Mary (McKay) Duncan and family

Mary McKay Duncan - April 05, 2014 at 12:53 AM

DF

“ So proud to have such an honorable man as part of our community for so many years. Our condolences to the Dryer family.

Dave & Andi Barber and Family - April 04, 2014 at 09:53 PM

LH

“ Our prayers go out to the entire Dryer family. With sincerest sympathy, Lewis and Jeanette Hammontree



Lewis & Jeanette Hammontree - April 04, 2014 at 11:46 AM

SC

“ *Sylvia (Hitchcock) Cameron lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Sylvia (Hitchcock) Cameron - April 04, 2014 at 10:14 AM

JV

“ *Johnny And Sandi Villarreal lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Johnny and Sandi Villarreal - April 04, 2014 at 08:22 AM



“ *Garden Accent - "Gone yet not forgotten..." was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 03, 2014 at 09:09 PM

SG

“ *Sandy Gazetti lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Sandy Gazetti - April 03, 2014 at 06:18 PM

SG

My sincere sympathy to the Dryer family.

Sandy Gazetti - April 03, 2014 at 06:18 PM

AM

“ *I have such fun memories of picnics & get togethers with the Dryer family, as my Dad & Mr. Dryer were life-long close friends. That man would add ketchup to any food, even dessert sometimes (maybe just to make us laugh). And watching him play ball was amazing. Only Gordie, because he learned from the best, can come close to filling his shoes when it comes to facilitating funeral arrangements & comforting, with class, the grieving. I'm thankful & blessed to have known him. My condolences to Mrs. Dryer, Gordie, Jane, Nancy & your families.*

April MacKenzie - April 03, 2014 at 04:22 PM

AM

And Lori & family! So sorry.

April MacKenzie - April 04, 2014 at 09:13 AM

SG

“ *Mr. Dryer was a wonderful man and I shall miss him. He helped me over and over when I was a reporter with stories about the old HVA and the Revolutionary War soldier's grave in Rose township. I am saddened by the loss of another of Holly's old-timers. He had so many stories to tell. With deepest sympathy, Sherrie Grady*

Sherrie Grady - April 03, 2014 at 02:53 PM

CD

“ *What a great loss for the Dryer family and the community of Holly. Bruce lived his life with integrity, compassion and honor and he and Beth have infused that same character in their children. He will be sorely missed. The culture and atmosphere of authentic compassion for others during our loss has been without equal, in our opinion. Now it is time to return part of that support.*

*May God Bless All of those who grieve over the loss of a great man.
Jim & Cathy Disbrow
& Extended Family as well as The Carpenter's House Church
Family*

Cathy Disbrow - April 03, 2014 at 02:17 PM

EJ

“ *What a wonderful, caring, loving, professional person. My fondest memories of Bruce will be the Holly Hotel fast-pitch softball games at Cyclone Park. Hopefully you and big Marv are playing catch. Bruce, you will be missed.*



Evie Swanson Jensen

Evie Jensen - April 03, 2014 at 02:03 PM

RS

“ *We remember Bruce with great fondness. He was more than just a pillar of his church. He embodied the qualities of kindness and service that lie at the heart of the Christian faith. We pray peace and blessings for the family.*

Runee & Herb Swanson - April 03, 2014 at 01:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 03, 2014 at 10:58 AM



“ *Phil Mattox lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Phil Mattox - April 03, 2014 at 09:19 AM



My deepest sympathy to Bruce's family. He was a great man and pillar in the community. He will be sadly missed. He took care of many of my family members and also many friends.

Lynne (Giles) Hallett - April 03, 2014 at 12:16 PM



“ *Mere words cannot describe the legacy Bruce has left for us as an example of how life should be lived. Bruce had a wonderful sense of humor but never lost his dignity. Bruce and Beth raised a wonderful family and they shared this great man with us. How fortunate we are. May they find comfort in the wonderful memories.*

Jeannie Nelson Lewis - April 03, 2014 at 06:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 03, 2014 at 05:32 AM



“ *Mr Dryer your a icon in Holly to our family's. We lived near by and had our holly business too. Your a Good Man and very loved. We will miss you. You've been In Our lives never forgotten. Sincerely, The Smith family. God Bless you and your family.*

laura montagu - April 03, 2014 at 02:33 AM



“ *Bruce was a true role model for so many of us by how much he loved his family and the Holly community. You will be missed!*

Shaun Hardimon - April 02, 2014 at 09:27 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family.*

Vicky Stone - April 02, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ *Everyone has expressed our sentiments about a truly wonderful and caring man. He will be missed by SO MANY. May the memories help comfort all of you. Prayers, Amos and Dottie*

Amos and Dottie Bradsher - April 02, 2014 at 08:18 PM

FO

“*Bruce was a gentleman of the highest caliber...kind,honorable,friendly,always had a smile for everyone,a tremendous loss to his family,Holly Presbyterian church and the Holly Community.*

Fran Olson - April 02, 2014 at 04:19 PM

DN

“*Dan & Lisa Nuckolls lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Dan & Lisa Nuckolls - April 02, 2014 at 04:19 PM



“*Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 02, 2014 at 03:40 PM

GJ

“*May God give you Peace at this trying time, Georgia Kay Carrick Johnston*

Georgia Kay Johnston - April 02, 2014 at 03:01 PM



While I moved away after leaving school, I remember the great care that was taken when services were needed for my grandparents.

Mary LeGendre - April 03, 2014 at 04:38 PM

GJ

“ So sorry for your lost of your husband,father & grandfather, He was such a kind boy & man. I remember the days that we where neighbors as children; he was our paperboy also, He was always very kind to me while growing up & never forgot we where corner neighbors & friends.

Georgia Kay Johnston - April 02, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ remember Bruce bringing his Trumpet out to the Bowling Alley many years ago and playing in the Lounge that was his stress buster. Will miss his smile as you walked into the Funeral home for Visitations.
Shari Franklin

Merrill Shari Franklin - April 02, 2014 at 01:56 PM

BL

“ Bob And Kay Lacey lit a candle in memory of
Bruce L. Dryer



Bob and Kay Lacey - April 02, 2014 at 01:30 PM

JD

“ Jean D. purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet
for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.



Jean D. - April 02, 2014 at 12:25 PM

LG

“ *Mr. Dryer will be missed. He was such a nice man. He always had a smile for everyone, and he seemed like he was happy to see you, I saw him alot going into the high school for his morning walks. He and his wife raise such nice children. Linda Wilson Gilmore*

Linda Gilmore - April 02, 2014 at 12:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 02, 2014 at 11:34 AM

CB

“ *As newcomers to Holly almost 30 years ago, Bruce and Beth Dryer were among the very first we met. As their next door neighbors for many years, we felt privileged to know them, attend church with them, have our children know them as they grew, and to feel the true sincerity and caring that Bruce shared whenever we spent time with him. Our neighborhood will never be the same, and speaking for the entire Berger family, we give deep condolences for the entire Dryer family, the town of Holly, and to anyone who knew him. He will be dearly missed. Dave, Carol, Emily, Grant, Ethan and Mya Berger*

Carol Berger - April 02, 2014 at 11:29 AM

SH

“ *The Fred Hopper family sorry about the loss of a wonderful man .He always happy to share a conversation and was always smiling .He will be missed We were very fortunate to be neighbors to a wonderful family for ten years*

sandy hopper - April 02, 2014 at 11:25 AM

BC

“ *Bill & Carmen lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



bill & carmen - April 02, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DF

“ *Dottie Fagan purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



Dottie Fagan - April 02, 2014 at 10:17 AM

WM

“ *Sending love and prayers to Bruce, his family and friends, and to the whole community of Holly. Bruce was a wonderful man who truly cared about people - even people he didn't know. He will be surely missed. May his legacy of love and caring live on.*

Wendi Myers - April 02, 2014 at 09:30 AM

PJ

“ *Yes we have another Great man lost but not forgotten! We will truly miss his sprite here in the Holly community but he sat a great example for us to follow. It is so important to help the community around us as he did for so many years. My prayers go out to his family and also the community that has grown to love him he will be greatly Missed!! Patricia*

Patricia Johnson - April 02, 2014 at 09:23 AM

JW

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Dryer family. Bruce has helped our family so many times when we have lost loved ones and especially with some so unexpectedly. He always displayed compassion and dignity. He was a treasure to our community. He blessed so many in his life's work and through his commitment to the people of Holly. Thank you Bruce for being a faithful servant.*

James and Sandra Walters - April 02, 2014 at 09:19 AM

CL

“ *Cherryl LeBaron lit a candle in memory of Bruce L. Dryer*



Cherryl LeBaron - April 02, 2014 at 08:17 AM

CL

“ *Bruce will be missed in the Community, A very Good Man. R.I.P. Prayers for the Dryer Family.*

Cherryl LeBaron - April 02, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 02, 2014 at 07:52 AM

TH

“ Heaven just got an amazing softball pitcher. While Bruce has done a wonderful job with sending a number of friends and family home, I will continue to remember him as the most amazing softball pitcher I have ever seen. God bless you Bruce.

Tom Huntley - April 02, 2014 at 07:10 AM

SL

“ So sad for the Dryer family and for our community.....Mr. Dryer was a great man!-The Liley family

Susan Liley - April 02, 2014 at 03:54 AM

RO

“ We'll truly miss you Mr. Dryer.
Your servers: Robert, Stella, Kate, Terry, Alex, Michelle and Christine.
send

robert - April 02, 2014 at 12:20 AM



“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Dryer family. Bruce was a good and honorable man. He touched all of us who made our homes in Holly and he will be much missed. God bless and RIP. Vicki Lanning Davis

Victoria Davis - April 02, 2014 at 12:06 AM

CH

“ A Class Act! Always an honor to serve you and your family. Lovingly, The Entire Holly Hotel staff...Thank you Mr. Dryer for being the happiest guy in the house, YOU ROCK!

christine - April 01, 2014 at 11:23 PM

AP

“ So sorry for your and our loss. I always enjoyed Bruce's easy smile and friendly manner. Also I loved to listen to him tell the stories of when he and my father were young and growing up in Holly. He will be greatly missed by many people, and I am one of those. My thoughts and prayers are with - Beth, Gordie, Paul and the rest of the Dryer family
Alan Patterson

Alan Patterson - April 01, 2014 at 10:54 PM

GJ

“ So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. My love and prayers go out to the family. Bruce was one of the people I looked up to at Holly Presbyterian Church. Always so wise and so compassionate. I so much looked forward to seeing him every Sunday. Will miss him dearly.

Gerry Jackson - April 01, 2014 at 08:41 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. He was such a wonderful caring man. Most of the people in Holly delt with him at one time whenever they lost a loved one. He did my dad's service (Henry Witte) in 1969. He was so great to my mom. I did some of the ladies hair if he knew I did it in my shop. A great man. He will be missed by family and friends. RIP Bruce.

Penny Witte Worthington - April 01, 2014 at 07:47 PM

MW

“ We learned today that our sister-in-law's dad has passed. He was a man who lived life large, loved family and showed that in so many ways. The children and grandchildren will all have many good memories of times shared with him. Our condolences to the family, but we know he will never be forgotten. Dr. Ed and Mary Ann Watkins

Mary Ann Watkins - April 01, 2014 at 07:39 PM

KM

“ We are sending our heartfelt sympathies and prayers to Beth and family. Bruce was a much admired man. He was a shoulder to lean on when we needed it most from us losing our first born to the deaths of our parents. Always a smile. I remember all the good times shared with the Holly Men's Softball Team which my Dad coached and all the harassing that went on between teams from us the fans. Holly has truly lost a legend. Morgan and Karyn Moss.

Karyn Moss - April 01, 2014 at 07:12 PM

ME

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at such a difficult time. May you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories of Bruce.

"What we have once enjoyed, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes part of us." -Helen Keller

*God Bless,
Marc, Melinda and Luke O'Brian*

Melinda - April 01, 2014 at 06:52 PM

EL

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Beth and the entire Dryer family. Please know that Bruce will be missed by many in the Holly community.*

Elizabeth Kici

Elizabeth - April 01, 2014 at 06:45 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Bruce L. Dryer.*



April 01, 2014 at 06:37 PM

SP

“ *Sincere condolences to the Dryer family. A great man! Holly has lost a loyal and dedicated servant.*



Suzanne Prose - April 01, 2014 at 06:37 PM

LJ

“ *We will always remember Bruce. He was a wonderful father, husband and friend to many. He will be missed, but live in our memories. I personally have many fond memories from my childhood. He was a part of our family our community and our lives. Love to the entire Dryer family. Laurie (Hamilton) and Dave Jensen. XXOO*

Laurie Jensen - April 01, 2014 at 06:05 PM

MM

“ Dear Dryer family, my heart hurts for you, it is so hard to lose a loved one!! I pray for you all for peace in your heart. I know Bruce is with our Lord, he was a kind and loving man!

Michelle Payne McGrew - April 01, 2014 at 05:58 PM

DD

“ Our condolences to the Dryer family in the loss of Bruce. He was a very nice man, very helpful in many people's times of need. He will be missed by the community for sure.

Roger and Diana Davis

Diana Davis - April 01, 2014 at 05:15 PM

JR

“ There are lots of memories I could share.. Bruce, Beth and family were our neighbors on First St. for years...The hardest working family I know...Bruce and family have a special gift for comforting and a compassion for community. I am proud to know them. As he has touched our lives over the years he sure will be missed but not forgotten.. Love is an action word and so you could say he shared his love with many people... Thank you.

I worked a Cam's Restaurant when I was much younger... It was my second night working at Cam's and Bruce and Family came in to eat.. I waited on them and I was so nervous but as usual they made me feel relaxed as they asked about my mom.. As I was pouring the ice water from the pitcher.. As I was talking to Bruce and didn't see that I over filled his glass of ice water. The water ran over the glass and down the table into Bruce's shoe.. He never said anything to make me feel embarrassed. He just grinned and said " I think it's full ". He even left a tip... now that's class. Thanks Bruce!

Judy Ross - April 01, 2014 at 04:48 PM

TM

“ I have always known Bruce as a caring and kind gentleman. When I visit Holly it won't seem the same without seeing Bruce or just knowing he is close by. He has called me Tommy all my life and I have enjoyed that fact.


Tom Molter
Three Rivers, MI

Tom Molter - April 01, 2014 at 04:47 PM

DJ

“ Dear Dryer Family,
May the warmth of tender memories and the love of those around you bring you comfort and peace. With Deepest Sympathy, Denise Jensen & family

Denise Jensen - April 01, 2014 at 04:32 PM

 Shelley
Addis-
Miller

“ I am so sorry for the family's loss, Bruce was a great man with a big heart. I will miss hearing all of his stories about the two families. My condolences and prayers are with you all.



Shelley Addis-Miller - April 01, 2014 at 04:02 PM



We all feel your pain as he will be missed. We are sad that we cannot be with you at this time, but you are all in our hearts, See you when we return, God Bless.

Duane Addis - April 04, 2014 at 03:43 PM

CV

“ *Saddened of the passing of Bruce. He was one of my walking partners for several years. We shared many stories at the HHS track. He will be greatly missed by all. Peace and comfort to the family. God Bless.....Cal Voorheis*



Cal Voorheis - April 01, 2014 at 03:58 PM

CH

“ *Our Hearts our saddened. Bruce touched so many lives, and he was a staple of the Holly area forever! He and his family have always taken such great care of everyone throughout the years, he was truly a wonderful, caring, giving man. He will never be forgotten! Praying for the Dryer family. R.I.P. Bruce.*

Colleen Howell(Bailey) - April 01, 2014 at 03:30 PM

TM

“ *My Heart & Prayers go out to the whole Dryer family I remember you Dad come out to our house at the camp at Christmas time my Dad called him Digger O'Dell after a comic strip undertaker*



Teri Miele - April 01, 2014 at 03:12 PM

SA

“ 1 file added to the album Bruce,Members Of American Legion Post 149 & VFW Post 5587



Sam Alvarado - April 01, 2014 at 02:56 PM

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Sam Alvarado - April 01, 2014 at 02:43 PM

KV

“ *So Sorry to hear of Bruce's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

Kay Volz , Mike Volz and Rhonda McCarty

kay volz - April 01, 2014 at 02:35 PM

SG

“ *Our sympathy and love goes to Beth and all of Bruce's family. What a loss it is for our church and community! Bruce will be missed dearly. God bless you all.*

Fred and Sharlyn Gates



Sharlyn Gates - April 01, 2014 at 02:04 PM

TD

“ *We want to extend our deepest sympathy to you at this time over the loss of your father. We will be praying for God's great comfort on you as you walk through these days of grieving. God bless, Terry and Dottie Davis*

Terry & Dottie Davis - April 01, 2014 at 01:50 PM

PS

Bruce's passing will never be forgotten He has help the Beebe and Stilwell family to many time I can't count I can remember his raising up from the office chair to greet u as u came in the door, with his warm smile he has taught Gordy and his grandson well about the business my wife Barbara working as the only 3rd shift nurse at Sunny Rest Home said she had to call Gordy many times for a person who pass away on her shift he handle the person like it was part of his family she said God less Him as he has blessed us in the time of our need he will be at heaven door as when we get there He will be miss Paul & Barb Stilwell

paul stilwell - April 03, 2014 at 09:21 PM