



Russell James Bailey Sr.

June 19, 1934 - October 7, 2020

Russell James Bailey Sr., age 86 of Holly died Wed. Oct. 7, 2020. He was born in Holly on June 19, 1934 to Albert and Nora (McGivern) Bailey. He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the US Air Force. He married Edith Merrill on Dec. 11, 1953 and was a 50 year member of the Holly Moose Lodge and a member of the Holly American Legion. His hobby was enjoying his kids and grandkids, and his beloved dog Greta. Surviving are his wife Edith; 4 children, Russell (Angela) Bailey Jr. of Holly, Steve Bailey of Clare, Lois Badder of Holly, and Martene Bailey of Holly; brother Robert Bailey of Smyrna, TN; sister-in-law Betty Kelly of GA; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by 6 brothers, 5 sisters, son-in-law Gregory Badder Sr.; and daughter-in-law Bonnie Bailey. Private family funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Mon. Oct. 12, 2020 at the Dryer Funeral Home, Holly with Pastor Phillip Martyn officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Holly. Visitation with social distancing will be from 3-9 PM Sunday. Memorial donations may be given to the family. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home

101 First St.

Holly, MI 48442

<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 11, 2020 at 01:48 PM

KO

“ *Kelly Odden lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Kelly Odden - October 12, 2020 at 08:19 PM



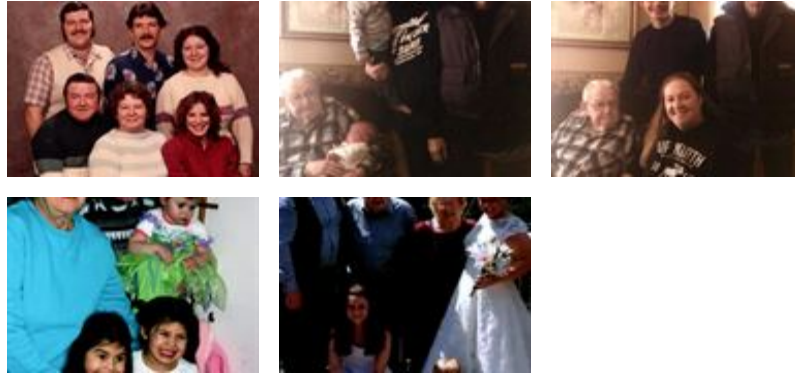
“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service for Russell Bailey*



Bruce Dryer - October 12, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 11, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JE

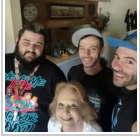
“ I remember the times when my dad (Al Bailey) and I went to visit uncle Russ and aunt Eddi . Some of my best childhood memories. So much fun. He was always laughing. He and my dad would start telling stories. They were hilarious together. When uncle Russ gave the eulogy at my dad's funeral it was perfect. I'll always remember it. and I will always remember you, uncle Russell.

jeanie - October 10, 2020 at 08:28 PM

LS

“ I absolutely loved when I saw this kind man in town. He was always cheerful and kind and driving the senior bus---RIP Mr. Bailey Sr.

Laura Stallcup - October 09, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Martene Bailey lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Martene Bailey - October 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

TF

“ *The Michael Shafkalis family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russell James Bailey Sr..*



The Michael Shafkalis family - October 09, 2020 at 04:39 PM

EM

“ *My condole soon to the bailey family. He was my second dad. Always enjoyed bowling with him and Russ jr. He was great to talk to when I saw him. He'll be missed. May the lord be with him and hold him in his arms.*

eddie merryweather - October 09, 2020 at 01:35 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Kathy Rhoades - October 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Russell James Bailey Sr..*



October 09, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Hey uncle russ i sure will miss seeing you out and about and saying hi in the stores when i seen you, always checked to see if that was you driving the senior bus round doing something you so enjoyed for yrs. Prayers and thoughts aunt edie and family gone home to reunite with the others now so god bless. Love sue ann moore jerry bailey and our families i know he will miss stoping by and chatting.*

Sue moore - October 09, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ *Sue Moore lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Sue moore - October 09, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russell James Bailey Sr..*



October 09, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell James Bailey Sr..*



October 08, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Rusty, Steve, Lois, Martene and the entire Bailey family. I enjoyed my conversations with Mr. Bailey, as he knew my parents well. Always asking first how my Mother was. Thank you for your Service, Sir. Peace.*



Marti Addis-Goforth - October 08, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Judy Prose lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



Judy Prose - October 08, 2020 at 06:47 PM



“ *What a wonderful man he was. Loved him with all my heart ❤️ prayers to family and friends 🙏❤️*



Sally stotler - October 08, 2020 at 05:27 PM

WF

“ *Holly has lost a Great Man. Waited on him many times when i worked at Zemmar Drugs. So very sorry for your loss. Will keep you LIFTED IN PRAYER. Randy & Wendy Fishback.*

Wendy Fishback - October 08, 2020 at 03:31 PM

JB

“ *Judy Blakemore lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



judy blakemore - October 08, 2020 at 03:27 PM

JR

“ *John And Judy Roeder lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



John and Judy roeder - October 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

BM

“ *What a pleasure it was to see Great Uncle Russell on his birthday this year along w/Aunt Edith, Lois & Martene and their kids. He had a sweet celebration and he radiated Joy. I will keep your entire family lifted in prayer as you prepare to Celebrate his wonderful life on earth.
I'm so sorry for your loss.*



becky lynn morales - October 08, 2020 at 02:21 PM

AW

“ *Allen White purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Russell James Bailey Sr..*



Allen White - October 08, 2020 at 01:56 PM

JR

“ *John And Judy Roeder lit a candle in memory of Russell James Bailey Sr.*



John and Judy roeder - October 08, 2020 at 01:50 PM

CM

“ *My heart is broken. What a wonderful man. My our God meet u at the door. Love and prayers to the entire Bailey family.*

Cherie G Monette - October 08, 2020 at 12:48 PM