



Willard Earl Chapin

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Willard Earl Chapin, 94, passed away June 21, 2021 at Lenawee Medical Care Facility, Adrian, MI. Willard's family and friends will gather from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel, 137 So. Main St., Brooklyn, MI and at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 28, 2021 at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, 160 N. Main St., Brooklyn, MI. His funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021 at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Interment of ashes will follow at Highland Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by Brooklyn American Legion.

He was born on June 7, 1927 in Emmet County Michigan to Clifford and Nina (Athearn) Chapin. Willard was the former owner of Chapin Chevrolet in Brooklyn. He was a longtime member of the American Legion and a 32nd Degree member of the Masonic Lodge. Willard was a founding member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and was a former Treasurer for the Village of Brooklyn. In his leisure time, Willard was an avid golfer who loved his time playing in many leagues at the Hills' Heart of the Lakes Golf Course as well as watching golf on television. He also delighted in his time traveling in his motorhome. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and never missed an opportunity to ask about their well-being. Willard was part of the "greatest generation" serving in Germany just after WWII.

He is survived by Mary F (Mafy) Chapin of Brooklyn; his children, Beth (Bill) Borchardt of Hudson, and Dennis Chapin of Antelope, CA; 5 grandchildren, Andrew (Lisa) Borchardt of Blissfield, Sara Grevera of San Jose, CA and Bryan Grevera of Sunnydale, CA, and Madison Bogdan and Grant Bogdan of Columbus, OH; 3 great grandchildren, Carter, Grant and Brooklyn Borchardt of Blissfield; and stepdaughters, Kelly (Lawrence) Bogdan of Columbus, OH and Karla Hard of Jackson, MI; brothers, Bill Chapin of Rives Junction and Raymond Chapin of Grand Rapids, MI; and sister, Kathy Novak of TN and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Maryann Chapin and sister, Charlotte Wilton.



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Memorial contributions are suggested to Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Please leave a message of comfort for Willard's family or sign his guestbook at www.EinderFuneralHomes.com.



Events

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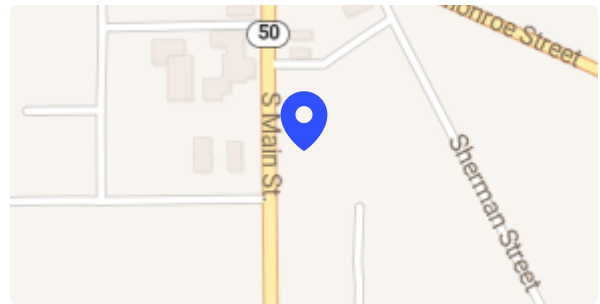
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Family and Friends Gathering

Sunday, June 27, 2021

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Eineder Funeral Homes - Brooklyn Chapel
137 S Main St, Brooklyn MI 49230

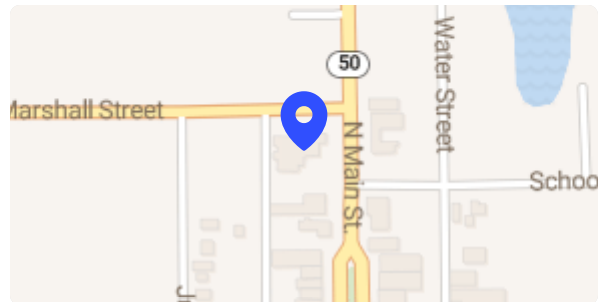


Family and Friends Gathering

Monday, June 28, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

Brooklyn Presbyterian Church
160 N. Main St., Brooklyn MI 49230

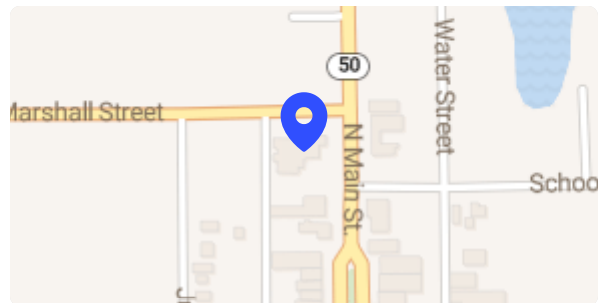


Funeral Service

Monday, June 28, 2021

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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SK

Sarah Kaplan posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Chapin. He was a sweet man I got to know while working at Brooklyn Lanes. Mafy, it was nice to see you at Dad's funeral - I'm sorry for your loss. Dennis and Beth, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father. I learned this while in Brooklyn for my father's funeral. They were good men, we were lucky to have such special role models. Sending hugs. ~ Sarah Farrell Kaplan

October 17 at 5:30 PM

CB

Cynthia Barnett posted:

Dear Mafy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Willard was one of the very first neighbors I met when I moved up the street on Case Rd. 16 years ago. While on a morning walk and passing Willard, he greeted me with, "Do you want any walnuts? I'm trying to clean them up off the lawn. They're such a mess." When we introduced ourselves, it was, "I'm Willard. Like the rat." Puzzled, I asked what he meant by that. Then he reminded me of the 1970s movie 'Willard,' whose title character was a man named Willard whose friends were rats. Now I really wasn't sure what to make of that. But since then I've learned, over the years, that Willard has a long and active history in our community and neighborhood, and a good one at that. His wry sense of humor, his kindness as a neighbor and his civic contributions to our village and nation (in service) will be sorely missed in our community. RIP Willard. ~Cynthia Barnett

June 28 at 5:19 AM

JM

John Messimer posted:

Willard was an astute businessman and good friend. We played a lot of golf together. He will be sadly missed by me and his friends and family. Our deepest sympathies to his wife, Mafi and family. John and Carolyn Messimer

June 27 at 3:41 PM

LR

Larry & Margie Reed posted:

Willard always went over & above to serve his clients at Chaplin Chevrolet. I was in an auto accident & he jumped up from his lunch at home to come to my rescue. He left half of his lunch on the table much to Maryann's dismay. A longtime friend RIP.

June 23 at 8:59 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Willard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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