



## Elmer J. Steinhoff

May 29, 1920 - July 12, 2011

Elmer John Steinhoff

91, a lifelong resident of Melvin, passed away Tuesday, July 12, 2011.

He was born May 29, 1920, in Melvin to the late Frank and Esther Steinhoff.

Elmer was married for 59 years to Alberta (Elston) Steinhoff. A lifelong farmer and true environmentalist, Elmer found great joy in being outdoors. He was very involved in his community as a member of the Melvin Methodist Church, the Melvin School Board and guiding children in the Melvin Go-Getters 4-H Club. Elmer's strong character and high values earned him the respect of his family and the community. He was a caring, dedicated husband and father. Elmer will be remembered for his honesty, loyalty, wisdom and good sense of humor. He had a wide variety of interests including sports, photography, music, genealogy and current events. We will always treasure the wonderful memories of our good times together.

Surviving are his children Frances (Bill) Beers of Williamson, Ben (Joann) Steinhoff of Melvin, Gary (Pam) Steinhoff of Holt and Pat Steinhoff-Lokey of East Lansing; 10 grandchildren, Tony (Jodi) Beers; Jennifer (Jon) Deming; Mike, Matt, Melissa Steinhoff; Michelle (Ryan) Hack; Jessica (Andrew) Kimichik; Sarah Lokey; Andrea (Nick) Currin; Alyssa Stuparek; six great-grandchildren, Haylie and Drew Beers; Taylor Hack; Kinley Kimichik; Chloe Currin; Greyson Bayer; sister Mary Bell Thompson (Chuck) of West Covina, CA; sisters-in-law Joyce Wolf of Marlette and Jean Kerrins of San Juan

Capistrano, CA; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Elmer was preceded in death by his wife Alberta; sister Ula Elston; son-in-law, Tom Lokey; nephews, Henry Wolf, Jr. and Lowell Kerrins.

Visitation will be Monday July 18 from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale.

Pastor Debra Brown will officiate.

Memorials in memory of Elmer are suggested to the Melvin United Methodist Church, American Heart Association, National Kidney Foundation or American Cancer Society.

For information and Guest Book

[kaatzfunerals.com](http://kaatzfunerals.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Yale  
10 S. Main Street  
Yale, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ I hold Elmer in high regard. I have many fond memories of him, having grown up in Melvin and being associated with him via Ben, the Methodist Church, and Melvin Go-Getters 4-H Club. The last time I was "home," I stopped in to see Elmer. He initially referred to me as "Bob" but then corrected himself. It was good visit...one I will long remember.##imported-begin##James R. Taylor##imported-end##

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July 29, 2011 at 08:19 AM



“ Your article perfectly shows what I needed to know, thnkas!##imported-begin##Dora##imported-end##

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July 24, 2011 at 07:03 AM



“ I was looking through some photos yesterday and came upon a photo of Grandpa Ray and Uncle Elmer. Uncle Elmer was standing behind grandpa with his arm over his shoulder and wrapped around in a hug - their smiles were huge. May you have peace knowing he has left one great family to join another in heaven. The Martin Family##imported-begin##Jill (Masnari) Martin##imported-end##

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July 19, 2011 at 09:53 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

With Love,

Betty and David Underwood###imported-begin##Betty Underwood###imported-end##

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July 19, 2011 at 09:04 AM



“ Praying for you all in the time of your loss. What a fantastic man your father must have been! He raised some fantastic people! I know how hard this is. Please remember that the Lord can hold you up through these tough times...and is on the other side of it.

Love and prayers,

Deb Peisert and Family###imported-begin##Deb Peisert###imported-end##

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July 18, 2011 at 06:26 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Grandpa Steinhoffs passing. I remember the last time I saw him...it wasn't that long ago...his mind was still sharp as a tack! Thats truely a blessing when you get in your 90's. Your family was fortunate to have him all these years. I know Mike will really miss him, as well as Ben, who has taken such good care of him through out the years. Our prayers are with you all!###imported-begin##Ann & Don Winters & Family###imported-end##

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July 17, 2011 at 10:27 PM



“ God bless Uncle Elmer and I extend my sympathy to Frances, Ben, Gary, Pat and all other family members. I will always remember with fondness the discussions with Uncle Elmer during my many visits to Melvin. A real gentleman has left this world.

*With sympathy.*

*Ray Masnari###imported-begin##Ray Masnari###imported-end##*

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July 17, 2011 at 01:43 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Diane Steinman###imported-end##

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July 15, 2011 at 10:16 PM



“ Uncle Elmer had a heart of gold. He was always kind and patient no matter what us kids would get into. The world would be a much more gentle place if we had a few more warm souls like his. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Judi Roelof###imported-end##

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July 15, 2011 at 10:26 AM



“ Elmer, a great guy - he portrayed what a real gentleman is - honest and truthful, but mild mannered.  
My hero and mentor as I was growing up.

*He has been in my thoughts daily all my life, I hVW shared my feelings about him with JoVae, and will forever miss him###imported-begin##Jerry & JoVae Briggs###imported-end##*

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July 15, 2011 at 07:00 AM