



Melvin Blake Potter

December 9, 1920 - November 6, 2010

Melvin Blake Potter

89, of Memphis died Saturday, November 6, 2010, at home surrounded by the love of his family.

He was born Thursday, December 9, 1920, in Richmond Township the son of the late Hirham and Mamie (Iwrin) Potter.

His marriage to Dorothy Mae Sparks was Wednesday, July 2, 1941, in Indiana.

Melvin was active in the former Spiritual Episcopalian Church of Memphis. He was a Memphis School mechanic bus garage superintendent for 30 years until his retirement in 1983. He was a former member of the Memphis Fire Department for 35 years. He was a life member of the Memphis Masonic Blue Lodge.

Melvin enjoyed working on cars, vegetable gardening and spending time with his family.

Surviving in addition to his wife Dorothy of 69 years are his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Carol of Macomb, daughter, Sharon Ricket of Clay Township; six grandchildren, Marlena (Lee) McGuffin, Lisa Dalton, Lara (Scott) Rybski, Julie (Phil) Wilson, Bud and Rick Potter, seven great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Helen Potter of FL and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by grandson, Blake Ricket (2007) and siblings,

Florence, Peggy, Marion, Hirham, Rex and Jimmy.

His family honors the memory of Melvin and invites you to visit and share memories Tuesday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond with a Memphis Fire Department memorial at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Rev. David Mercer, pastor of Hillside Wesleyan Church, Port Huron, will officiate. Burial will be in Memphis Cemetery, Memphis.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book

kaatzfunerals.com

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Kaatz Funeral Directors - Richmond
71235 Memphis Ridge Road
Richmond, MI

Tribute Wall



“Papa, I love you so much and will miss your presence in my life until we meet again someday in Heaven. You were so much more to me than just my Papa...you were my father, my hero and my inspiration...and not just to me but to my children as well. Your strength right up to the end was one of the traits I so respect you for. The past months have not been easy to see you struggle and in pain sometimes...I can only hope you know how very much I love you and how much of my heart you have taken with your passing. Don't worry about gram, though she misses you terribly, I will take good care of her and make sure her days are filled with love and laughter just like you did for 69 years. I love you Papa....##imported-begin##Marlena Potter-McGuffin##imported-end##

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“May Almighty God of Tender Mercies Comfort the Potter family (2Co.1:3,4), When the last enemy strikes grief may be great and make the heart yearn for Comfort, Almighty God gives HOPE and PROMISE at (JOHN 5:28, ACTS 24:15 and REVELATION 21:4) Almighty God HOPE and PROMISE SOON TO BE ATTAIN, May these thoughts be of Comfort. gingerrobinson@bellsouth.net##imported-begin##Ginger Robinson##imported-end##

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“ *My Papa
You are a laughing breeze
That blows tenderly in my heart
One whose inner strength
Gives an abundance of heart felt joy
A loving person
That is known for tenderness
An external devotion
A wondrous miracle
Who has brought love and laughter
Into my life
I love you,
Lara###imported-begin##Lara Gail###imported-end##*

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“ *Grandpa, I can not even come close to putting in to words how much I am going to miss you! You where like a dad to me. you and Grandma Where always there for me. I love you POP and I always will! Forever and Ever your memory will live on! Love, forever and always your grandson!###imported-begin##Justin Potter###imported-end##*

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“ *There are people in everyone's life that leave everlasting positive experiences to be treasured for a lifetime. Uncle Bud was one of those people. I too remember visiting the bus garage with my Grandfather and Uncle Bud's brother, Lloyd Potter. The laughs, his smile and dedication to his family will never be forgotten. God Bless you Uncle Bud.###imported-begin##Doug Lashbrook###imported-end##*

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“ So sorry for the loss of Uncle Bud.
He was such a nice man. I alway looked up to him. When I walked
by the Bus Garage every day for school he was alway standing out
front in the door way with a big smile on his face greeting all of us
kids walking by to school.##imported-begin##Dean
Potter##imported-end##

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