



Virtis Lee Chamblee

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Virtis Lee Chamblee, age 90 of Warren, Michigan passed away on November 12, 2016 at home. He was born on April 2, 1926 in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Beloved Husband of Betty for 59 years. Dear Father of Vickie Lynne Miska, Jeannie Ann (Bob) Gerard and Anita Gail (Shawn) Craig. Grandfather of Vanessa Lagene (fiancée Aaron Figueroa) Pilgrim, Ashley Blair (Michael) Zimni, Leah Marie Craig and Corey Michael Craig. Great-Grandfather of Jaelyn Alexa, Jacoby Lee, Jannah Mae and Sage Larae. Brother of Eirtis (Juanita) Chamblee, Addie Lee White and Creasey Mae (Willie) Richardson.

Virtis is predeceased by his loving parents, Charlie and Mae Chamblee and brothers, Castle and Alvin Chamblee.

Virtis served in the Army during WWII in Central Europe. He would spend free time golfing, bowling, fishing and gardening. A member of the Hazel Park Church of Christ where he maintained the grounds and buses for the church. He loved GOD very much and his church family. He was employed by General Motors as a skilled tradesman.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 17th from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, (1 block North of 13 Mile Road, West side of John R. Road), Madison Heights, Michigan. The Funeral will be held on Friday, November 18th beginning at 12:30 pm Instate followed by the 1:00 pm Service at the Hazel Park Church of Christ, 1123 E. Woodward Heights, Hazel Park, Michigan. Burial will take place at Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills, Michigan.



Events

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Visitation


 **Thursday**, November 17, 2016

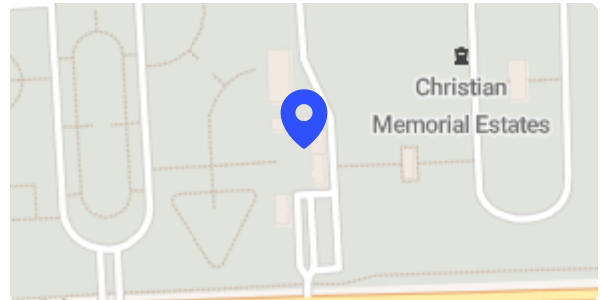
 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

 **Hopcroft Funeral Home-Madison Heights**
31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights MI 48071



Cemetery Details

 **Christian Memorial Cemetery**
521 E. Hamlin, Rochester Hills MI 48307





Tribute Wall

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Keith Barwick lit a candle in honor of Virtis.



November 17 at 8:00 AM



Suzanne Dix posted:

Remembering a wonderful man that will be deeply missed. Virtis was such a strong and faithful man in Christ and a great influence in mine as I was growing up. He loved his family with all his heart as well as his family in Christ...Recalling Betty always by his side and every time I would ask about his girls...he would light up and talk so proud of them..as well as his grandchildren. Remembering the long bus rides to Cedar Point as I chatted his ear off - and then to Camp - coaching our softball team and just our conversations after services. Keeping my memories of such a wonderful man in my heart with hopes someday I will see him again. To the family, please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.Suzanne Dix

November 17 at 3:53 AM



Christi Baugh posted:

Virtis and my mom, Bobbie Jean Porter Mills, were first cousins. He is part of loving family, and I know he will be missed. My prayers are with his beautiful family. Christi Mills Baugh.

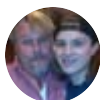
November 16 at 7:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Chamblee family.



November 16 at 5:24 AM



Lori Barringer-Duffy lit a candle in honor of Virtis.



November 15 at 9:52 PM



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JG

Jerry Gailbreath posted:

Virtis was one of few influential people in my life, that helped me become the person I am today. It was my privilege to have him as a friend for almost 45 years.

November 15 at 5:29 PM

CP

Cheyrel Pursell posted:

I have very many wonderful memories of Virtus. He was such a wonderful Christian man. He loved his family and so many others. I remember his blue corveir car. I remember him driving the bus to take us roller skating. He was like a second Dad to me. I have not seen him in over thirty years but I can stil see his smiling face and hear his loving voice. Love and prayers to his family.

November 15 at 3:30 PM

PA

Pam sent a virtual gift in honor of Virtis.



November 15 at 1:58 PM

PA

Pam lit a candle in honor of Virtis.



November 15 at 1:56 PM

KP

Kimberly Platevoet posted:

So very sorry to the Chamblee family. Mrs. Chamblee watched me before and after school for many years. They were my second family. I work afternoons so I won't be able to attend but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the peace of God be with you all. Kimberly (Henry) Platevoet

November 15 at 1:08 PM



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Dennis Swindle lit a candle in honor of Virtis.



November 15 at 12:04 PM



Dennis Swindle November 15 at 12:21 PM

Virtis was a bright light for Jesus Christ, and a living example of Christ's love. This world may be darker without him, but heaven will be a bit brighter!



Dennis Swindle posted:

I was privileged to know Virtis during the 11-12 years I preached for the Hazel Park Church of Christ. He was always supportive and helpful, with a contagious smile. He encouraged me in countless ways, and often made me laugh. Despite my flaws and failings, he was patient and forgiving. He loved the Lord, his wife and family more than anything, but he also had a passion for his church family. He served the church in Hazel Park as much as any member in her history. And that is saying something. He leaves a hole in the hearts of everyone that knew him, but we will see him again if we walk the "road" he walked - Jesus Christ - the Way , the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). May God bless his family and the Hazel Park congregation as they mourn the passing of an unforgettable Christian, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. Dennis Swindle, Milan, Michigan

November 15 at 11:52 AM



Cheryl (Boren) McCormick posted:

Virtis and my dad (and our families) were very close friends back in the 1960's til 1973 when my dad passed away. They both taught 6th grade Sunday school and alot of time's we would all got out to dinner together after church, also, went on several field trips Virtis help me or talked my dad into getting my first puppy when I was little and Misty was the best dog ever! RIP Virtis, love you!! To the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers...love you all and take care

November 15 at 11:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Chamblee family.



November 15 at 10:04 AM



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Sharron Guillett posted:

I remember Virtis as a man who always smiled, who loved children, who brought JOY to life on the Joy Bus. We will all miss him. Sharron Guillett and family

November 14 at 2:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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