



## Bertie L. Braxton

October 7, 1923 - June 6, 2019

Bertie L. "Bert" Braxton of Sterling Heights on Thursday, June 6, 2019, Bertie "Bert" Braxton passed away at the age of 95, surrounded by family who loved him, recounting memories of a long life that was well lived.

Bert was born on October 7, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan. He grew up as child of the Great Depression and was later part of the Greatest Generation, serving his country in the Air Force during World War II. Bert started working at the age of twelve to help support his family and maintained a strong work ethic his entire life. He attended Lincoln High School, where he was a standout baseball and football player.

Bert married the love of his life, Grace Klatt in 1948. They shared fifty-eight wonderful years together. He was well known as a magnificent singer, and enjoyed singing to his wife, or anyone that looked like they could use a nice song. Bert was also a talented harmonica player and sometime banjo player. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing, and actively played both into his 90's. He will most be remembered as a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. The joy he gave in song will live on in all our hearts and memories. Bert was preceded in death by his loving wife, Grace L. Braxton (nee Klatt), mother Daisy Braxton (nee French), father, John Braxton, sister Lorena (Carl) Van Meter, brother, George (Gladys) Braxton, sister, Avis (Leo) Rivett, brother-in-law, Sheldon Bradley, and brother-in-law, Robert Ritzman.

He is survived by his two children, Carter "Skip" (Jackie) Braxton and Annet (Robert) Jones. Grandfather of Matthew (Samantha) Jones, Jeffrey Jones,

and Robert Braxton. Brother of Daisy Bradley, Nancy Ritzman, and John Braxton.

Visitation at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica Sunday 3-9pm with a American Legion Service 7pm  
Funeral Service Monday 11am at the funeral home. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery Clinton Township, Michigan. Family request donations to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute). Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 9. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
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## American Legion Service

JUN 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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JUN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I was able to very these two Handsome lads ;) Attached are pictures of Uncle John and Uncle Bert at Grandpas funeral in November.. Iv always enjoyed listening to uncle Bert. I tried to record him and Dd but it was kinda hard to hear but im going to upload for you all to enjoy.. Uncle you will be missed



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**DeeDee Cronenvhet** - June 09, 2019 at 08:05 AM

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“ Dear Annet and Skip,

*Our hearts are breaking at the loss of your wonderful Dad. I will always remember the wonderful family parties with our parents singing around the piano as my Dad played all the great songs from the 30's and 40's and your Dad's beautiful voice rang clear. No evening was complete without your Dad singing "Danny Boy" or my Mom's personal favorite, "Sweet Rosie O'Grady." I can't remember a time when you Dad, my dear Uncle Bert, didn't have a smile on his face and a kind word. I always felt special when I was with my Uncle Bert and knew that he was truly interested in me and what I was doing.*

*One of the Greatest Generation, your Dad set a perfect example of how to live life to the fullest. He will be missed, but the memory of all the wonderful times we shared as a family will forever be etched in my mind. To borrow from that great song, Danny Boy, my dear Uncle Bert, "the pipes are calling from glen to glen, and down the mountain side. The summer's gone, and all the roses falling, It's you, it's you must go and I must bide." God's speed dear Uncle and may God bless all who remain behind.*

*With love to all,*

*Laura Fitzpatrick*

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**Laura Fitzpatrick** - June 07, 2019 at 04:01 PM