



## Willis Carrol Privett

March 24, 1937 - January 6, 2026

Privett, Willis Carrol, January 6, 2026, age 88 of Pinckney.

Beloved husband of 69 years to Phyllis A. Privett. Loving father of Kimberly (Robert) Decker and David (Valerie) Privett. Proud grandfather of Tonya (Blake) Privett, Andrew Privett, Katina Humphries, Dawn (Timmy) Hall, Joseph (Katie) Decker, Robert (Jennifer) Decker, Henry (Hillary) Polzin and the late James Decker.

Willis was preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Madeline Privett, his five sisters; Lennis Farley, Gearldine Welzel, Dorothy Howe, Zola Fotos, Norma Privett and three brothers; Austin, Rudolph and Ralph Privett.

Willis was born on March 24, 1937, in Coal City, West Virginia. He dedicated 40 years of loyal service to the Ford Motor Company. Willis and Phyllis moved to their retirement home on the Portage Chain of Lakes in Pinckney, Michigan. He loved boating and fishing but, most of all, family get-togethers at the lake.

Visitation on Monday, January 12, 2026 11:00 AM until the 1:00 PM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley

Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. <https://arborhospice.org/>

Interment will be graveside on Monday, January 12, 2026 2:00 PM at United Memorial Gardens.

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# Cemetery Details

## United Memorial Gardens

4800 Curtis Road  
Plymouth, MI 48170

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
[plymouth@vermeulenfh.com](mailto:plymouth@vermeulenfh.com)

## Funeral Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
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## Interment

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JAN 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AS

“ All of us at Down River Refrigeration Supply planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willis Carrol Privett.

All of us at Down River Refrigeration Supply - January 12 at 10:05 AM

MB

“ Ive know will(grandpa) for roughly 25 years now him and Phyllis welcomed me in just like family, have always treated myself my wife and my daughters as such they've always been kind and loving to my family. My best memories with grandpa was going out to the lake for a breakfast or lunch (that would surely make me sick 😊) and looking out at the water and listening to the old fishing stories. Will is the true definition of not only a grandpa but a husband, father, friend, man. The world has truly lost a great human but let's not be sad that he's gone let's be happy about the time we've got to spend with him I know I'll cherish it in my heart forever



Michael Beauregard - January 12 at 08:31 AM

SF

“ Steve Novak and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Willis Carrol Privett.



Steve Novak and Family - January 11 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ Thomas & Marie Farley purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Willis Carrol Privett.



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**Thomas & Marie Farley** - January 10 at 06:23 PM

KJ

“ Kathy & Ray Wolfe, Linda & Tom Farley Jr purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Willis Carrol Privett.



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**Kathy & Ray Wolfe, Linda & Tom Farley Jr** - January 10 at 06:10 PM

MA

“ Phyllis and family,

*I'm so sorry to hear about Willis. He was such a good man, and so much fun to be around. He will definitely be missed by everyone who was lucky enough to know him.*

*Lauren, Preston, and I always enjoyed your annual 4th of July cookouts, and will always remember those great times at the lake.*

*Just know we're thinking of you during this difficult time.*

*Mark Arquette*

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**Mark** - January 08 at 05:03 PM

DZ

“ *Good friend and fishing buddy who will be greatly missed,RIP*

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**David & Betty Zielinski** - January 08 at 12:41 PM