



## Virgil Gene Tipton

May 8, 1935 - March 25, 2009

Virgil G. Tipton, 73, of Waterford, Mich., formally of Ranger, West Virginia, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at Canterbury on the Lakes Nursing Home in Waterford, Mich. He was born May 8, 1935 a son of the late R. B. and Shirley (Nelson) Tipton. He is survived by his loving wife, Joann Patterson Tipton; daughters, Linda (Harvey) Hubarth, and Vivian (Larry) Lucas of Waterford, MI; son, Harry (Misty) Tipton of South Point, OH; grandchildren, Matthew, Rebekah, Scott, Laura, Michael, Miranda, and Sydnee; great-grandchildren, Sarah, Morgan, Emma, Mason, Isaac and Madison. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Henson Mortuary Barboursville, at 2:00 PM. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 12:00 PM until service time. Interment will follow at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, West Virginia. Henson Mortuary, Barboursville is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be extended to the family by visiting [www.hensonmortuary.com](http://www.hensonmortuary.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virgil Gene Tipton*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Just a random check up on my "Partner In Crime" ... Thinking about you grandpa! I wish you could have met Katie ... 2 years today we have been together through THICK and THIN, the THICKER she gets, the THINNER I get ... HaHa Love you ...*

Scott Lucas - February 01, 2013 at 08:07 AM



“ *Dearest Tipton Family,  
I am sorry to hear of the passing of Virgil. He was such a part of my childhood with his wisdom, teasing and big smile. I will keep him in my heart and wish that all of you will move forward as I know Virgil would want you to. Love, Eva Carter-Schlenkert*

Eva Carter Schlenkert - April 05, 2009 at 02:27 PM



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Eva Carter Schlenkert of Marquette, MI - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To the Tipton Family, Remembering my visits to your house to see Vivian. Mr. Tipton was usually in the garage working on his boat or his truck. Always a smile on his face and a friendly hello. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
Love, Bob, Sandy and Taylor Fields

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**Sandy Fields** - April 01, 2009 at 01:10 PM

SM

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**Sandy Fields of Davisburg, MI** - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Joann and family, I just heard about Virgil's passing today from Jerry, Mom's brother. I just wanted you to know how sorry I am to hear the news. My mom would tell me about your family from time to time after she would hear from you, and in my final conversation with Mom the Sunday before she died, she called specifically to tell me what was going on with Virgil, and to pray for him. I always will remember the humorous side of Virgil, and that long weekend I spent with you while you were still in Ohio, back in, I think it was 1971 or 1972. I know that Virgil was a good man, husband, father, and grand-father. Those Ranger people are good folks, you know. You'll miss him terribly. I know that feeling first-hand since Mom passed away last month. There is a hole in your life that will never be filled, but Virgil would want you to move forward, even though the road ahead is difficult. I just wanted you to know that I understand what you're feeling, and my thoughts and prayers are with you. I have full confidence that Virgil is in a much better place than this old world right now, and we need to take comfort in the fact that he doesn't have to suffer anymore, as much as it hurts to have him gone. I will pray for you. Love, Ralph Adkins Jr. (Bubby)- Bessie's oldest son.

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Ralph Adkins Jr. (Bubby) - March 28, 2009 at 05:32 PM

MN

“ Our pawpaw, or as we called him "old pawpaw" was our best buddy. He greeted us at the door and called us the "masked man" and he would then ask for a shake. Pawpaw let us do whatever we wanted, if we wanted to play with our toys, and then leave them all over the living room, that was ok, he'd tell us that "granny will pick them up later." or if we wanted to sit and bang on the piano, that was ok too, he would tell granny to "let Liberachi play." Pawpaw always had fun with us, whether we played ball or were playing "rooster, pull it hen". If pawpaw was watching Wheel of Fortune or Jeopardy and we wanted to watch cartoons, he would always change it for us. Unlike our parents who were always told to "be still" pawpaw let us rool the roost. Love you little boys, Mason Jar & Isaac Newton.

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**Mason Jar & Isaac Newton** - March 28, 2009 at 10:08 AM

RO

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Ralph Adkins Jr. (Bubby) of Sheffield lake, Ohio - March 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Joann and Family, Our thoughts are with all of you. Mickey and I are praying that God will comfort you during this difficult time and that He will give you peace and strength as you need them in the upcoming days and months as you adjust to Virgil's absence. I have many fond and very funny memories of Virgil. He was always such a jokester. I always enjoyed visiting Joann and Virgil in Michigan while my brothers and I were all kids. Virgil was always making us laugh and smile...whether at their house or at my mom and dad's house in Huntington. Joann, I'm glad you and Virgil were friends with my parents and kept in touch all of these years. I feel fortunate to have known him. He will be missed and always remembered with a smile...and a chuckle. :-) I love you guys. Kim (Knight) Bane

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**Kim Bane** - March 27, 2009 at 07:56 PM

JR

“ My condolences go out to all of you! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time! Love you, June

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**June Ragatz** - March 27, 2009 at 06:52 PM

HC

“ Virgil will surely be missed here on Manson St. and the sub division. When he walked passed the house going to his daughters, he would always say howdy if we were out and always had a smile on his face. He was the best neighbor that anyone would want. We will surely miss him and the family has our sincere condolences. Hazel and Morton Carter

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**Hazel Carter** - March 27, 2009 at 06:35 PM

DS

“ *to the family of virgil tipton. my deepest sympathy. you are in my prayers.*

*dolores stargel*

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**dolores stargel** - March 27, 2009 at 05:59 PM

DF

“ *Mrs Tipton & Family, Our deepest sympathies. Our prayers are with you and the Family.*

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**Dale Rowe & Family** - March 27, 2009 at 10:12 AM

JS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Bob & Janet Scarberry*

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**Janet (Tipton) Scarberry** - March 27, 2009 at 09:30 AM

LL

“ *Virgil I will Miss you! You have been the best Father-in-Law and friend i could ever have asked for. I will miss our fishing trips together and your visits down to my house every sunday and watching the Nascar Races. Listening to All your stories of your childhood years in ranger, and all your jokes. You just had a way of making anyones bad day seem just alittle better. Your in God's hands now! and until we meet again.*

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**Larry Lucas** - March 27, 2009 at 08:18 AM

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**Kim Bane of Huntington, WV** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**dolores stargel** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Dale Rowe & Family of Rochester Hills , Michigan** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Janet (Tipton) Scarberry of Jacksonville, FI** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Larry Lucas of Michigan** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

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**June Ragatz of Michigan** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Hazel Carter of Waterford, Mi.** - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I'm sorry to hear about your loss. May you cherish all of your wonderful memories with him. You're in my prayers and thoughts.

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**Jackie Graves** - March 26, 2009 at 10:57 PM

M(

“ To the Tipton family. I am so sorry for your loss. May you forever remember the cherished moments you had with Virgil. I am better person having known him.

*"Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your family for strength, and always remember how much you are cared about."*

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**Melissa Clark (Marquette)** - March 26, 2009 at 09:59 AM

SL

“ My grandfather was my "partner in crime". There was nothing he loved more than his family, fishing, and always a joke to put a smile on everyones face. He was the first to admit that he might not remember your name, but he would always remember a joke.

*My fondest memories of Grandpa take place on Maceday Lake, where he and I spent many hours a day trying to catch "The Big One". Although we never had much luck, it didn't matter. We had more fun spending quality time together, telling jokes and enjoying oatmeal cream pies and cheese-crackers that grandma packed us for our outings.*

*Grandpa taught me everything he knew about fishing. Once, he said said "push the button, throw and release". Well, thats exactly what I did and to this day that fishing pole of grandpas remains at the bottom of the lake. True to his kind hearted soul, he didn't get angry, he just handed me another pole and we both laughed.*

*Grandpa was more than just "Pawpaw". He was a mentor, he was a friend, he will always be my "partner in crime".*

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**Scott Lucas** - March 26, 2009 at 08:02 AM

MM

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**Scott Lucas of Waterford, MI.** - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM