



## Melvin Junior Toppen

March 16, 1939 - June 2, 2012

Melvin Junior Toppen age 73, of DeMotte, IN passed away on June 2, 2012 at VNA Hospice, Valparaiso, IN. He was born on March 16, 1939 in DeMotte, IN, to Melvin H. and Evelyn (Dexter) Toppen, both deceased. Junior attended DeMotte High School and was a retired self employed auto repairman and school bus driver. On June 12, 1959 he married Rita Hoffman, who survives. Junior was a member of First Reformed Church, where he was a former Elder, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher and Youth Group Leader. He had also served on the DeMotte Town Board as Police Commissioner. Junior is survived by his loving wife, Rita Toppen of DeMotte, IN Children; Julia Toppen, and Bruce (Dawn) Toppen, all of DeMotte, IN; David (Julie) Toppen, Mishawaka, IN. 7 grandchildren; Rachel (Ryan), Eric (Heather), Jonathan, Joshua, Sarah, Maranda, & Jonah. 4 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Alex, Meghan & Leighton. Brothers & Sisters; Eleanor (Harold) Kingma, DeMotte, IN; Margaret (Vern) Tillema, Wheatfield, IN; James (Eileen) Toppen, DeMotte, IN; Robert (Carol) Toppen, DeMotte, IN and Karen (Paul) Kamminga, Pendleton, IN.

Memorials may be made to Leukemia Association, Cross Roads Bible Institute or Donor's Choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery  
DeMotte, IN 46310

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 5.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte  
200 3rd Street, SW  
P.O. Box 681  
DeMotte, IN 46310  
(219) 987-5300  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Service

**JUN 6.** 10:30 AM (CT)

First Church  
5387 W State Road 10  
Wheatfield, IN 46392  
(219) 987-5156  
<http://www.first.church>

# Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Junior Toppen



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I want to say sorry for the kids that had mr toppen asa bus driver and that is going to start backb and knowing that they wont have the best bus driver again his smile and his laughter will always be with us but dont worry he would want us to be. Happy

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**Melissa Harper** - July 27, 2013 at 07:12 PM



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**kimberly leitzow** - June 24, 2012 at 07:06 PM

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**kimberly leitzow** - June 24, 2012 at 07:06 PM

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“ So sorry to read of your passing. Rita and family, my deepest sympathies to you all. I know how much you are hurting right now, as I am feeling just a small percentage of your loss. I know I am not supposed to have favorites, but Melvin Toppen you were one of my favorite patients of all times and I will miss you and your very cool hiking boots. Rita if you are ever in my neck of the woods at the hospital, please stop by and let me give you a hug and see how you are doing. Virtual hugs to you all.  
Andrea Parker, RN

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**Andrea Parker** - June 05, 2012 at 08:21 AM