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Bertis "Chuck" Hardway Jr., age 88, of Elyria Township, Ohio, passed away on February 11, 2026 at his home surrounded by family. Born on December 27, 1937 in Dink, West Virginia to Bertis E. Hardway and Lina "Ninny" Hardway (nee Boggs), Chuck spent his formative years in Clay County. At 16, he moved to Ohio, where he joined Midview High School's first graduating class, the Class of 1956.

On November 28, 1959, while sailing the Great Lakes as a deckhand, Chuck married Ruth Legg. After settling down in Lorain, Chuck worked at Sutton's Sohio and Sears Automotive. He was a Millwright at Ford Motor Company from 1973 until his retirement in 1997. Retirement is a term used loosely; Chuck was a jack-of-all-trades who never slowed down, often helping family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers.

In addition to being the community handyman and dedicated family man, Chuck was an avid outdoorsman, bluegrass music connoisseur, and proud member of the Buckhorn Hunting Club. He enjoyed 4-wheeling, attending bluegrass festivals, fishing, hunting, logging, and recently, caring for a flock of chickens. The amount of cracked corn he bought for them was perhaps keeping the local Tractor Supply in business.

Chuck, lovingly called "Papaw", is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth L. Hardway (nee Legg); his children, Dawn Golba (Michael Johnson) of Lakewood, Melanie Wilson (Cliff) of Elyria Township, Jeffrey Hardway (Michelle) of Lorain, Dawn Lopez of Elyria, and Kimberley Hardway (Eddie James) of LaGrange; his grandchildren, Nicole Young (Reece) of Lorain, Jessica Sen (Jerry) of Elyria Township, Nick Lopez and Keith Lopez (Gina) of Elyria, Cody Wilson (Meredith) of Vermilion, Emily London (Jacob) of Chantilly, Virginia, Miranda Emery (Tyler) of LaGrange, and Nathan Golba of Lakewood; his great-grandchildren, Naurica Young and Jordan Young of Lorain, Josephine Sen of Elyria Township, Kai Young of Lorain, and Ada London of Chantilly, Virginia; and many nieces and nephews.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, Bertis E. and Lina M. Hardway and sisters, Sharon Harper (Roger) and Patricia Legg (Frank).

Friends may call Monday, February 16, 2026 from 11a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12 Noon in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral Home, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst.

To celebrate Chuck's life and his love of chickens, the family suggests donations be made to Friendship Animal Protective League, 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035 in his memory.




Events

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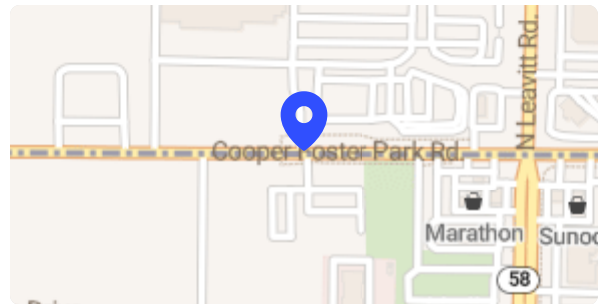
Visitation

 **Monday**, February 16, 2026

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001





Tribute Wall

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Bruce Pettit posted:

One thing I remember about Chuck was that he always had a kind word about whoever he was talking to. He had a way of making you feel good about yourself. I remember when I first got glasses at 16 years old. I thought they looked terrible. He told me how much he liked them and how good they looked. One of the last things he told me was, he asked me how old I was. When I told him I was 67 years old. He said and you still don't need glasses. That's great. Chuck always had a smile on his face and always seemed to be in a good and in a joking mood. Chuck could come across as kinda crass, But I always thought it was all in fun and would give it right back at him. I feel that Chuck was the person that would do anything for you without expecting anything in return. An example of this. I was in the town of Clay and was talking to someone and they mentioned Chuck. They didn't know he was my uncle. Jokingly, I told them he was he wasn't worth much. They got mad and started telling me what a good person he was and don't I dare say anything bad about him. I think Chuck had cut a bunch of firewood for them. I will miss him at family reunions. He was always the first person I saw and always had something to say. He loved talking about the achievements his kids and grandkids. He will be missed by all.

February 15 at 11:28 PM



Julee T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bertis.



February 15 at 6:32 PM



Mark And Kim Moran sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Hardway family.



February 14 at 10:52 PM



The Brandon & Loczi-Heimann Families planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Bertis.



February 14 at 4:54 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Hardway family.



February 14 at 1:55 PM



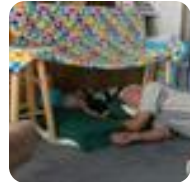
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February 14 at 1:55 PM



Melanie Wilson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



February 14 at 1:40 PM



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Dad was always willing to take a nap!



February 14 at 1:39 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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