

Charlie Maxwell "Ol' Paw Paw"

Please join us on
Saturday, November 20th
for the dedication of
Charlie Maxwell's
Michigan Sports Hall of Fame
Tribute plaque.

At the
Paw Paw District Library

From 1-3 p.m.

Dedication
Ceremony hosted by:
**Michigan Sports
Hall of Fame**
Village of Paw Paw
and
Paw Paw District Library

Welcome Home Charlie!

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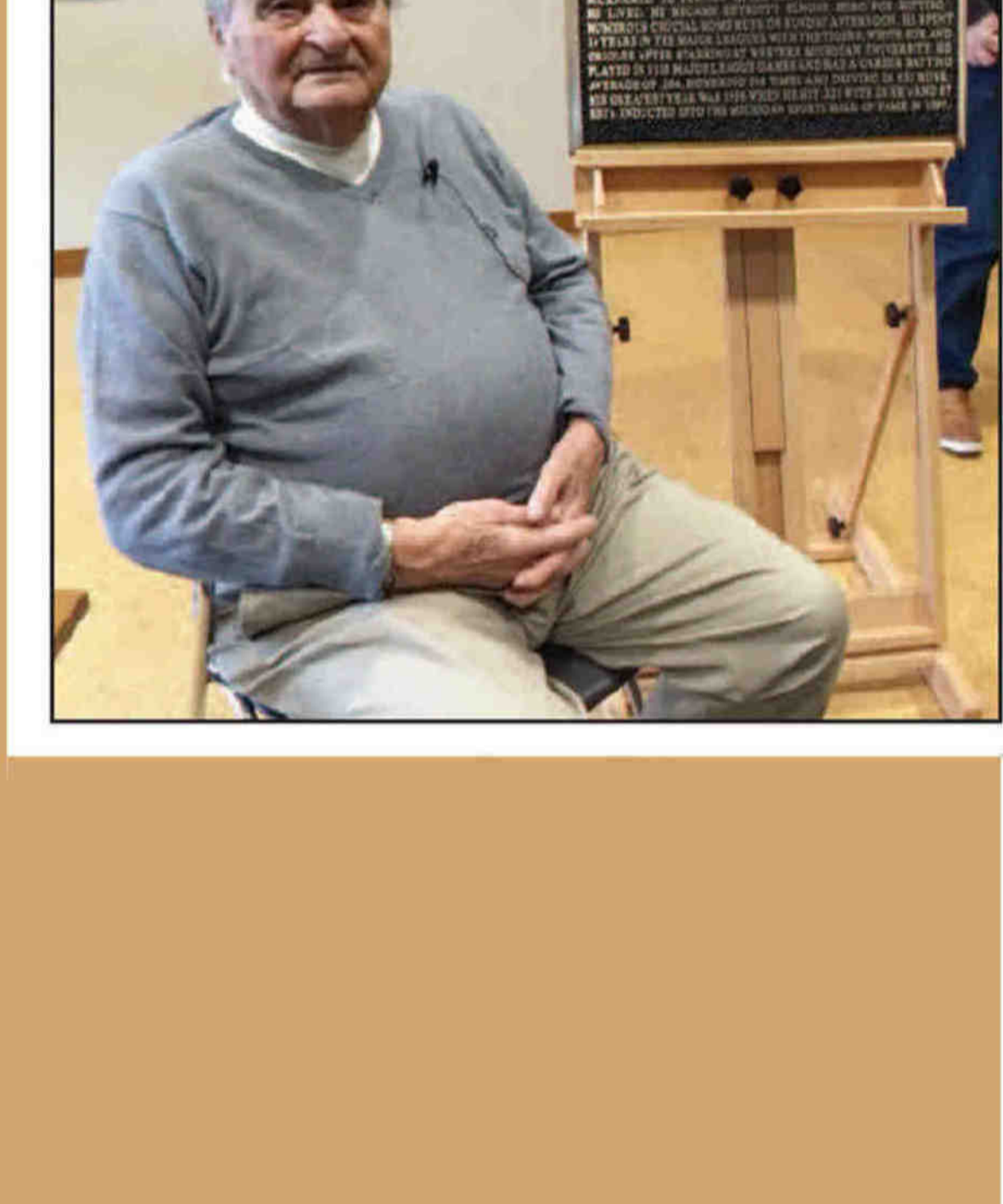
At Paw Paw District Library
600 W. Michigan Avenue
Paw Paw, MI

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Charlie Maxwell honored at dedication ceremony



A dedication ceremony was held Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Paw Paw District Library for Charlie Maxwell's Michigan Sports Hall of Fame Tribute plaque. The dedication ceremony was hosted by the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame, the Village of Paw Paw and the Paw Paw District Library. Maxwell, shown above, now 94, was born and raised in Lawton where he graduated from high school. A standout athlete at Lawton, following graduation, he attended Western Michigan College in 1945, where he was a member of the baseball team. Following his Army stint, he returned to the sport and played parts of eight seasons in the minor leagues before reaching the majors. Maxwell signed with the Boston Red Sox, then was traded to Baltimore, before finally being traded to Detroit. "Ol' Paw Paw" concluded his 14-year career with the Chicago White Sox, where he was released in April of 1964. He had a career batting average of .265, 148 homers and 533 runs batted in. Maxwell was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. The plaque had been on display at Cobo Hall, Detroit. Maxwell resides in Paw Paw.

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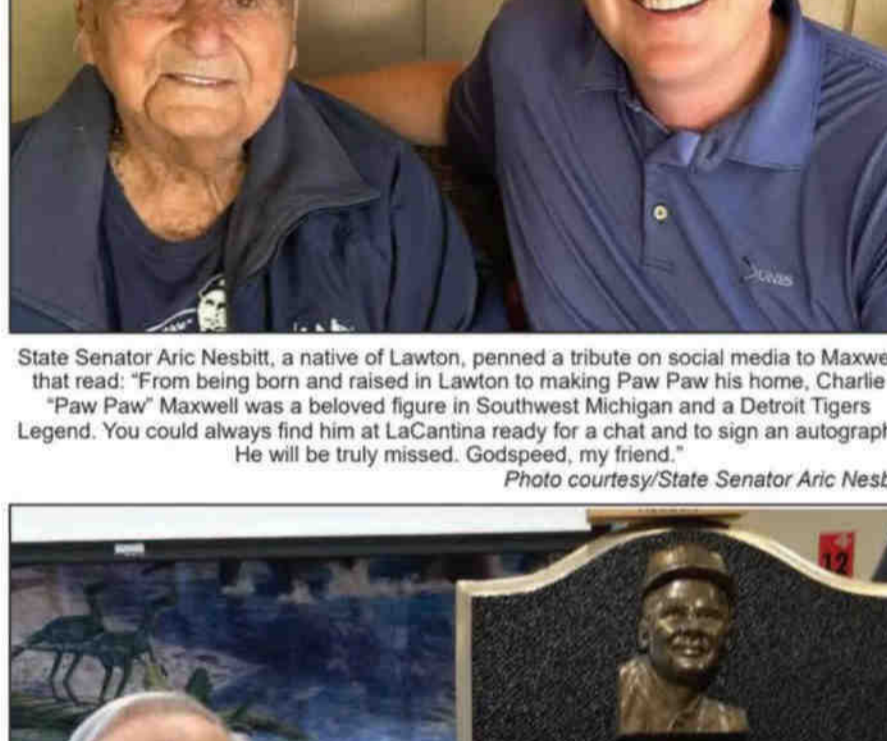
Paw Paw's favorite son, Charlie Maxwell passes



Charlie "Paw Paw" Maxwell played 14 years in major league baseball. Eight of those years were with the Detroit Tigers. He played in two All-Star games. He died last Friday at the age of 97. See obituaries on Pg. 6.

Erik Hindenach, of Paw Paw, and his son, Jake, spent a summer Sunday afternoon talking baseball with Charlie Maxwell at his home this summer. Erik recalled that visit to The Courier-Leader. Jake and I spent a nice Sunday afternoon talking baseball with Charlie Maxwell at his home this summer. Jake won the Charlie Maxwell MVP Award at Paw Paw High School this season and wanted to meet up with him and get his picture taken. Charlie was always so nice and accommodating anytime we saw him. RIP Charlie - whenever people asked where I was from, baseball fans always mentioned "Ol' Paw Paw Maxwell."

Photo courtesy/Erik Hindenach



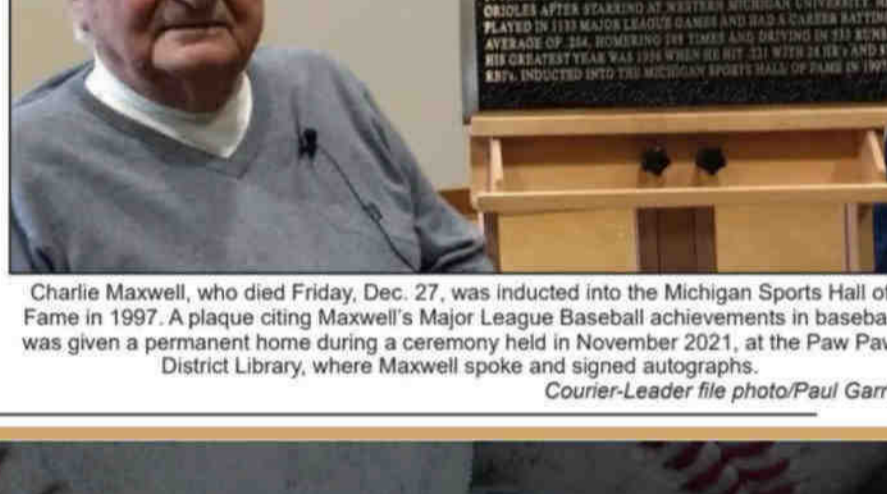
State Senator Aric Nesbitt, a native of Lawton, penned a tribute to Maxwell that read: "From being born and raised in Lawton to making Paw Paw his home, Charlie 'Paw Paw' Maxwell was a beloved figure in Southwest Michigan and a Detroit Tigers Legend. You could always find him at LaCantina ready for a chat and to sign an autograph. He will be truly missed. Godspeed, my friend."

Photo courtesy/State Senator Aric Nesbitt



Charlie Maxwell was a frequent patron of LaCantina Ristorante, Paw Paw. The business posted a photo and tribute to Maxwell that read, "In loving memory of our friend Charlie Maxwell. We'll save your seat." LaCantina said the spot was dedicated in memory of Charlie by the restaurant's bartender, Danielle Barney. They both enjoyed visiting with each other!!!

Photo courtesy/LaCantina Ristorante



Charlie Maxwell, who died Friday, Dec. 27, was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. A plaque citing Maxwell's Major League Baseball achievements in baseball was given a permanent home during a ceremony held in November 2021, at the Paw Paw District Library, where Maxwell spoke and signed autographs.

Courier-Leader file photo/Paul Garrod

Charlie Maxwell

April 8, 1927 — December 27, 2024
OBITUARY

Charles Richard Maxwell "Ol' Paw Paw", 97, of Paw Paw, MI, passed away Friday, December 27, 2024. Born in Lawton, Michigan, April 8, 1927, the youngest of four children to the late Thomas Maxwell and Isa (Boyce) Maxwell.

From a young age, Charlie had a passion for baseball. He graduated from Lawton High School and received a baseball scholarship from Western Michigan University. His time at Western was interrupted as he was drafted to the Army. Upon his honorable discharge, Charlie resumed his love for baseball. He returned to the minor leagues and played in Wellsville, NY, Birmingham, AL, Louisville, KY, and Roanoke, VA.

While in Virginia, Charlie met Goldie Ann Morgan. They were married June 12, 1950, and moved to Paw Paw, where they started a family. Shortly after their wedding, Charlie made his major league debut on September 20, 1950, with the Boston Red Sox. He tied a major league record in 1959, while playing with the Detroit Tigers, against the New York Yankees, with four consecutive home runs in a Sunday double header. Charlie played for the Baltimore Orioles, Detroit Tigers and the Chicago White Sox. Charlie was inducted into the state of Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1993 and the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. After dedicating 14 years to major league baseball, Charlie went on to work as a sales manager for the die cast division of Techstron. He also ran youth baseball camps at Northwood University during the summers, introducing, sharing, and teaching others about the game of baseball.

He is survived by his four children, Charles (Nancy) Maxwell Jr. of Paw Paw, Jeffrey Maxwell of Paw Paw, two daughters, Cindy (John) Goldberg of Paw Paw, and Kelle (Greg) Dillon of Holly Ridge, NC. Charlie is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Goldie Ann Maxwell in 2021, his sisters, Wilma Maxwell and Maxine Bosworth and his brother, William Maxwell.

Family and friends are invited to visit Tuesday, December 31, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Adams Funeral Home, 502 West Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, where a celebration of life will commence at 12:00 p.m. with Rev. Ron Packer officiating. Burial will follow at Wildey Cemetery.

For those planning a memorial contribution, the family request memorials be directed to: **Lawton High School Athletic Boosters**, PO Box 39, Lawton, MI 49065, **Paw Paw High School Athletics**, 30609 East Red Arrow Highway Paw Paw, MI 49079 or to **Centrica Care Navigators**, 7100 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

<p>VISITATION</p> <p>Tuesday, December 31, 2024 11:00am - 12:00 pm (Eastern time) Add to Calendar</p> <p>Adams Funeral Home 502 W Michigan Ave Paw Paw, MI 49079</p>	<p>CELEBRATION OF LIFE</p> <p>Tuesday, December 31, 2024 12:00 - 1:00 pm (Eastern time) Add to Calendar</p> <p>Adams Funeral Home 502 W Michigan Ave Paw Paw, MI 49079</p>
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