



Clarence Herman Kirchofer

May 6, 1923 - January 12, 2013

Clarence Herman Kirchofer, 89, of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Clarence was born on May 6, 1923 in Detroit, the fifth son of the late Ernest and Lizzie (Krell) Kirchofer. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II; serving in Luzon, New Guinea, and the Philippines. He married his beloved wife Shirley Ann Smith on August 30, 1947 at St. Francis De Sales Catholic Church in Detroit. Clarence was a hardworker, mostly woodworking and building throughout his life, he passed that along to his children and taught them all how to work. He loved his family dearly; and enjoyed their many camping trips together. He was loving, caring, and giving, and was always happy to see you when you came to visit. Clarence is survived by his loving wife of over 65 years Shirley; children: Susan Kraus of Ann Arbor, Thomas (Rosemary) Kirchofer of Durand, Karen Last of Mancelona, David Kirchofer of South Boardman, Kathleen (Ken) Chapman of West Branch, and Ronald (Rita) Kirchofer of Kalkaska; 18 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents; his four older brothers: Elmer, Ernest Jr., Edwin, and Robert Kirchofer; and many wonderful dogs through the years. Visitation for Clarence will be from 4-8 PM, with a prayer service at 7 PM on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at Kalkaska Funeral Home, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska. A Funeral Mass will be held at 1:00 PM, with final visitation beginning at 12:00 PM noon, on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, 438

CR 612 NE, Kalkaska. Burial will take place Friday, April 12, 2013 at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. The family is being served by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Visitation

JAN **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church
438 CR 612 NE
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Service

JAN **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR **12**. 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ I am so sorry to here of your loss! I will miss him! You two are very special to me!! May God comfort you in this difficult time! May we rejoice in the Lords love!

Mary K Slick - January 24, 2013 at 06:26 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry ro hear of his passing. I didn't read it until today. He was such a wonderful nice man. I just saw Him and Shirley at Christmas mass. I will treasure his memory and I am sorry I didn't make the service. God bless and keep him. Marri Hogerhide



Marri Hogerheide - January 21, 2013 at 08:13 PM

SS

“ Stacey L Stewart lit a candle in memory of Clarence Herman Kirchofer



Stacey L Stewart - January 15, 2013 at 03:42 PM

SS

Grandpa I Love you very much, I loved the times we got to spend with you. Riding with you upnorth to visit you and grandma whe my and Tom were little. I was also blessed that you were able to meet your great grandboys, who will miss you just as much. Tyler said the other day, I really enjoyed talking to great grandpa at family camp, I will miss him. We were truely blessed to have you as a grandpa.
We love you,
Stacey

Stacey L Stewart - January 15, 2013 at 03:47 PM



“ *My Grandpa,
I love him very much. I am so thankful to him for building such a strong and loving family, so glad he got to know his great grand daughter who will also miss him very much. Through his life's journey and sharing of his love for us he has made all our lives richer. I admire him for being able to raise and care for so many in his family. (I don't know how he and Grandma did it) I hope when I've lived as long as he has, that my family will look at me such admiration. He truly is an inspiration to us all.*

I love you grandpa, Tommy

Thomas Kirchofer - January 15, 2013 at 10:47 AM



“ *I have lots of happy memories of Grandpa when I was growing up. One of my oldest is being on the farm tapping trees for sap and then watching my grandpa and my dad making maple syrup and secretly hoping they would mess it up and make maple sugar instead.*

Gayle Beutler - January 13, 2013 at 09:17 PM

“ I love my Grandpa with all my heart and will miss him so.

For My Grandpa

*I know we are all feeling a little bit sad,
That we've lost our Grandpa, our friend and our dad
Together we have cried an ocean of tears
As we feel so empty and hold many fears*

*But Grandpa would want us to know he's in a good place
And that he watching us all with a smile on his face
As we have made him so proud, as proud as can be
That he has raised such a beautiful and special family*

*Thinking back now I really must say
I feel lucky and privileged to have known Grandpa to this day
For in my life, you have played a special part
The memories I will treasure and keep close to your heart*

*For me I am glad my little boys he got to meet
And for all of us, be grateful, his life is now complete
To each one of us he has loved and cared
And a family, be thankful for the good times we shared*

*Although he has gone we will always be together
And his spirit will live on each one of us forever
When you look to the sky, look for the brightest star
As that will be Grandpa looking down on us from afar*

*And now I would like to thank the good Lord above
For blessing us with our Grandpa with his kindness and love
Dear God, if it is not too much fuss
Take extra special care of our Grandpa as he is very dear to us*

*Grandpa if you are listening say a prayer for us every day
Be sure to protect us and guide us on our way*

*We know when God called you, you had to go
But we want you to know Grandpa we miss you and love you so
Love Stacey*

Stacey L Stewart - January 13, 2013 at 05:40 PM



“ *I love you grandpa, I will miss you terribly, but
I feel blessed to have you as part of my life for
so long.*



Gayle Beutler - January 13, 2013 at 03:45 PM