



Clifton "Kip" Lee Newell

September 12, 1944 - August 6, 2015

Clifton (Kip) Newell passed in the early evening on Thursday, August 6, 2015 with his family by his side in the home that he built and raised them in to enter into the boundless outdoors where we are assured he is thriving. Kip was born on September 12, 1944 in Fife Lake and though he only stood 5' 8" in his prime, in the eyes of those who knew and loved him he stood taller than any man. He grew up in Fife Lake with his time spent hunting, fishing and exploring the area he came to know and love. After traveling much of the United States as a young man he returned home and built a house in Kingsley to raise his family. A quiet man; he only said what needed to be said, usually a few words was all he needed. He spent much of his time on the upper stretches of the big Manistee River chasing squirrel, rabbit, grouse and whitetail as well as fishing the mighty river. The only thing Kip loved more than the outdoors was his family. Teaching his grandsons all he knew on the same ground he gained all of his wisdom and love for nature and God's creatures. He enjoyed spending deer seasons at the "SHACK" and countless hours trolling the lakes with brother and friends. Kip wore many hats over the years; carpenter, logger, lineman, cowboy and farmer before finally retiring from Interlochen Center for the Arts as a security guard. Kip was a tremendous part of his families lives and a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend; he will be missed every day and will certainly never be forgotten. At home Kip was a loving husband for 52 years to Carol Newell, father to Kitera (Vince) Hamilton and Gaybrielle (Jay) Hewit, Grandfather to Jake,

Jason, Brandon and Mindy (Andrew) Denike and Great-Grandfather to Brooklyn & Andi Lynn, Brother to Ed (Betty) Newell, Ruth (John) Birgy, Gary (Colleen) Newell and Brother-in-law to Beverly Causey, Ben (Meg) Wilson, Gary (Chris) Wilson, Linda Bugai, Wendy Warren, Kay (Greg) Lyon, Barb (Rob) Trevena, Deb (Dave) Sexton, many loved nieces and nephews along with special friends Roger & Sylvia McGregor and John & Shelly Osborne. He was preceded in death by his Father Edgar Newell, Mother Marion Gauthier, Step-Father Orville Gauthier, Father-in-Law George Wilson, Mother-in-Law Rose Wilson, Brothers-in-Law David Bugai & Gary Warren and nephew Cory Wilson. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation, American Heart Association or a charity of your choice. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

VW

“ Aunt Carol, Tera, Gabe and families I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Kip. You are all in my prayers, I know he will be missed.



Virginia Wilson - August 11, 2015 at 06:33 PM

SF

“ Sawyer Family lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Kip" Lee Newell



Sawyer Family - August 10, 2015 at 07:36 PM

WW

“ Kip will, indeed, be missed. I am so fortunate to have years' worth of memories to cherish forever.

Wendy

Wendy Warren - August 10, 2015 at 07:07 PM

JC

“ I worked many years with Kip at Interlochen. He was a friend and great guy.

Jerry Corwin

Jerry Corwin - August 09, 2015 at 06:54 AM

DM

“ A childhood full of memories growing up so close with our two families entwined almost as one. They all were wonderful memories and Kip was such an amazing kind hearted man. My fondest memory that makes me smile the most was his quiet sense of humor. Kip will be truly missed. Carol, Tera and Gabrielle our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families and I hope that the wonderful memories of such an amazing man will help you all through this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathy, with Love Kelly and Debbie (Osborne) McQueer.

Debbie McQueer - August 08, 2015 at 01:50 PM

KM

“ Kelly And Debbie McQueer lit a candle in memory of Clifton "Kip" Lee Newell



Kelly and Debbie McQueer - August 08, 2015 at 01:05 PM

MK

“ I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences to Kip's family. It was my privilege to work with Kip at Interlochen. It was my honor to have had his children in class. I was working Interlochen part time in Security when Kip was hired in full Time. He was much more than a co-worker he was a friend. My memories of Kip were of someone who fully enjoyed life. I remember working with Kip in the summer and his educating new part time summer help.. Part of our duties was to lock the camp down after dark. Kip would hide in some practice cabins and I fully enjoyed his leaping out and scaring new security as they went by the cabins in the dark. Because of his background you did not want to go out on car patrol with him driving. He knew what he was doing but you didn't. It was buckle your seat belt and hang on. He enjoyed life, enjoyed being outside and I want to thank him for some very good memories and I miss the times we had together.

Michael Knight - August 08, 2015 at 11:49 AM

CS

Michael thank you so much for this! I laughed until I cried! Kip is my Uncle and as I read about him jumping out in the dark scaring new security guards it brought back all the times that he scared the bejeezers out of (me) us kids countless times by hiding in the bushes at night. That was just a wonderful funny part of who he was.

charity Sawyer - August 10, 2015 at 07:34 PM

VW

“ To the Newell Family, Just heard about the passing of Kip. We are both so sorry. He was a good friend and neighbor. Sending our sympathy and condolences.

Vicki and Terry Weber

Vicki and Terry Weber - August 08, 2015 at 11:35 AM