



Lyle Blain Van Pelt

September 26, 1923 - May 10, 2021

Lyle Blain Van Pelt, 97, passed on Monday, May 10, 2021, at his Kingsley home, surrounded by his loving family. Lyle was born in Comertown, Montana on September 26, 1923 to Blain and Helma (Bruvold). At an early age, he moved to Summit City, Michigan to live with his Aunt and Uncle due to his mother being paralyzed from a horse accident. He came from a farming family and continued to farm all of his life. He didn't believe in shortcuts and made sure everything was done correctly, even if it was frequently the hard way. At the age of 12, he took on a project to break two oxen to pull a cart, presenting them at the County Fair. A few years later, he bought six head of cattle to begin his own farm. On December 29, 1945, he married Martha Jean (Richards). They built their home using logs pulled from the Manistee River and constructed a farmhouse overlooking the meadows, in which they lived until death. They were married for 64 years and raised a loving and close-knit family. Lyle rarely left his passion of farming, except for a few trips where Martha tricked him into traveling to Hawaii, The Bahamas, and Europe. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Jean, and his son, Dennis Wylie. He is survived by Richard (Kate) Van Pelt, Janet (Mark) Ruddy, Denise (Jeff) Joppich, Deanna (Curtis) Evans, 12 grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Lyle was social and loved having visitors or stopping by to check in on friends; he truly valued the importance of close relationships. He also loved playing cards and could recite everyone's hands after they had been played. He had a dry sense of humor and was a simple

yet complex man, full of stories of life and days gone by. Lyle was a farmer through and through, and he was involved in Van Pelt Farms until his death, even joking about wanting to die on a tractor heading West. All of the hard work he put into his farming legacy will live on through his son, Rick.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sharing our sincere sympathy. We have memories playing cards with Lyle and Martha, and their patience of showing us how to play pinochle. You never left their house without eating and having coffee when you stopped by. Our deepest sympathy. John and Susan Donahue*

John and Susan Donahue - May 19, 2021 at 10:31 PM

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“ *So truly sorry to learn of Lyle's passing. I fondly remember years of traveling via snowmobile with my parents to head to Lyle and Martha's so our parents could play cards! All of us "kids" got to watch movies and have popcorn! Those were the good ole days!*

Lyle and I had a greeting we always extended to each other: "Hi Ugly!" I'm gonna miss him and my deepest condolences to Rick, Janet, Denise, Deanna and their families!

God Bless you all! Annie Rawlings Zenner

Ann F Zenner - May 15, 2021 at 06:59 PM

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“ *Lyle was a great man with a work ethic that is rarely ever seen he loved his family unconditionally is is now reunited in his dear wife Martha's arms at peace.. god bless Brad Patton..*

Brad Patton - May 14, 2021 at 09:23 PM