



Merlin Henry Shawnoskey Sr.

May 4, 1948 - June 24, 2025

Merlin Henry Shawnoskey Sr., 77, passed away at Grand Traverse Pavilions in Traverse City, MI, on June 24th, 2025. Merlin was born on May 4th, 1948, in Northport, MI. He is the son of Frank and Nancy (Wonegeshik) Shawnoskey. He spent much of his childhood with his siblings Paul, Delilah, and Beverly. Merlin married the love of life, Betty (Green) at the Methodist Church in Traverse City, MI in May of 1972. Merlin and Betty resided around Traverse City for most of their lives. Merlin was the Greens Keeper at Elmbrook Golf course for over 30 years and finally retired from The Crown Golf course after many years of service. Merlin was also a counselman at the Northport Church for many years. In his limited free time, he was an avid fisherman, who loved his time spent on the water. Him and Betty also loved resale shopping in their time spent together. A special thanks to all the nurses and staff that helped take care of dad throughout the years. Merlin will be missed by all and remembered as a loving father, brother, grandfather, and friend. Merlin will be lovingly remembered by his children Melissa Green, Merlin (Tracie) Shawnoskey Jr., and Casey Shawnoskey; 13 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty (Green) Shawnoskey in September of 2017; grandchildren Cherokee and Stephen Shawnoskey; and siblings Paul, Delilah, and Beverly. A private family ceremony will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.