



Milton Finley Brooks

November 8, 1922 - June 23, 2013

Milton F. Brooks, 90, of Kalkaska, went home to be with Jesus, June 23, 2013. He was born in Hanson, Kentucky on November 8, 1922 to the late Foster and Goldie (Davis) Brooks. Milt moved to Detroit in 1939 to find work. He worked as a busboy in a cafeteria for 25¢ per hour, loaded trucks for Willson's Dairy, then landed a job with Lyon Inc working in production until being drafted into the Army during WWII. Milt spent 3 ½ years proudly serving his country. While in the Army, Milt learned machine repair, which he then made into a career. He returned to Lyon Inc., then later worked for GM Gear and Axle in Hamtramck. He retired in 1986 after 43 years of machine repair. In 1963 Milt joined the VFW Post 3202, becoming a life member, and later joined the Cooties, an elite branch of the VFW in 1975. The Cooties focused on visiting veterans in the VA hospitals, taking them personal items and playing bingo. Milt held many offices in both organizations, enjoying every minute. His favorite event was participating in the Cootie Christmas party at the VFW Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. He also loved to cook for post dinners. Milt was a member of the 88th Infantry Division. In the 1990's he became President of the Michigan Chapter, until they disbanded in 2012. In 1947, Milt married Gloria Wilcox, who survives him, and were married 66 years. Also surviving are sons: Milton Thomas "Tom" Brooks of Detroit, and William Robert "Bob" Brooks of Westland and Kalkaska; grandchildren: Sherry (Jim) Jersey of Millington, Robert (Leta) Brooks of Westland, Shawn (Bill) Lockhart of Westland, Amanda Brooks of Detroit; 12 great grandchildren, and

6 great great grandchildren; as well as honorary children Carl and Annie Wallace of Kalkaska; grandchildren Carl (Donna) Wallace of Highland, Cullen (Dawn) Yoder of Alaska, Mandy McPherson of Indiana, Benjamin (Heather) Yoder of Alaska, Casey Wallace of North Dakota; 11 great grandchildren, including special great granddaughter Hailey Wallace who was a great help during her Pappy's 3 year illness; and 5 great great grandchildren. We will miss the twinkle in his eyes, his quick wit and sense of humor. Also, the way he pondered any problem by lighting his pipe; there always seemed to be an answer in the swirling smoke. Magic! A private memorial service will be held in Hanson, Kentucky in September. Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.