



Willard L. Bontrager

October 1, 1923 - February 26, 2019

Willard L. Bontrager, 95, of Kalkaska, passed away at home on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. He was born on October 1, 1923 in Comins, Michigan to the late Otis and Nora (Miller) Bontrager. Willard was a diligent servant of the Lord who loved to preach and was a content husband and father. After making two trips aboard cattle ships following World War II, Willard came home. In 1948 he married the love of his life, Millie Gascho. Later that same year, Willard started the Coldsprings Mennonite Church in Mancelona where he pastored for 48 years. He also worked full time running his own construction business. Family was extremely important to Willard, and he especially enjoyed family trips and traveling. He also like to read, especially history, play softball and cut wood. Willard is survived by his beloved wife Millie; sons: Lamarr, Brent (Diana), Dwen (Ruth), and Gary (Patti); daughter in law Michelle Boudreault; 15 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and his brother Dr. Warren Bontrager. He was preceded in death by his parents, son Drew Bontrager, siblings Delbert Bontrager, Miriam Gascho, and Anna Strang, daughter-in-law Lois Troyer/Bontrager. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Coldsprings Christian Fellowship. A funeral service will be held on Friday, March, 1 2019 at 11:00 am with final visitation at 10:00 am. The family would like to thank Sandy and Laurie with Hospice of Michigan for the exceptional care that was given. Arrangements are entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coldsprings Christian Fellowship
532 S Cedar Street
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about Willard. He was a true servant of God, selfless family man, and true friend. He will be greatly missed. Our prayers and deepest condolences to Millie and the family.

Brenda Lambert - March 01, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Willards passing. I enjoyed his many stories of his past. Such a interesting life he had. God Bless Millie.

Judy Fast - February 28, 2019 at 09:18 PM



“ Your friends at RJG, Inc purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Willard L. Bontrager.



Your friends at RJG, Inc - February 28, 2019 at 02:31 PM



“ So many memories of Willard and his faithfulness to his church and his God. As a young person Willard was faithful to pick us up and take us to all the activities at the church and out of town... What an example he was to all of us. Now he is enjoying his eternal reward. Prayers for his family ..especially his wonderful companion Millie. Love, Gordon and Betty Bailey

Gordon and Betty Bailey - February 27, 2019 at 09:34 PM

HS

“ Please accept my sincerest sympathy Millie on the passing of Willard.
A former Kittle School classmate..
Helen Dickinson Van Sickle

Helen Dickinson Van Sickle - February 27, 2019 at 09:05 PM

GF

“ Gordon and Betty Bailey...Sandy Sheldon and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Willard L. Bontrager.



Gordon and Betty Bailey...Sandy Sheldon and Family -
February 27, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ Rainbow Reflections Basket was purchased for the family of Willard L. Bontrager.



February 27, 2019 at 04:56 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Willard L. Bontrager.



February 27, 2019 at 03:46 PM