



Charles R.

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TRAVERSE CITY — Charles R Orr, 86, of Traverse City, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010. Charlie was born on Feb. 18, 1924, in Big Stone Gap, Va., the son of John Floyd and Bertle (Bishop) Orr. Leaving high school to join the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was very proud of serving on the USS Luzon and the USS Melville. Following his service to our country, he returned to school to graduate. He worked in the coal mines of Kentucky and then moved to Wyandotte, where he worked at Great Lakes Steel. He had been very active in the Boy Scouts and also loved to fly fish in his younger days. He also loved to bowl and continued this sport until a couple of years ago. In 1979, he and his wife retired to Lake Ann, where they were longtime members of Lake Ann United Methodist Church. One of the most important things in Charlie's life was spending time with his family. Charlie is survived by his children, Brenda and Dave Renfer, and Charles E. Orr; his grandchildren, David and Jen Renfer, and their children, Nick, Jake and Kyle; Shane Renfer and Betsy Myers, and their son, Orren; Bethany and Matt Flechter, and their son, Elijah and soon to be born daughter, Amelia; Debra and Matt Pendell, and their children, Maggie and Charlie; and J. C. Orr; his brother, Donald M. (Ruth) Orr; and his longtime companion and best friend, Carrie Graham. Many nieces and nephews also survive. After more than 50 years of marriage, Charlie was preceded in death by his wife, the former Etheleen "Coonie" Cribbs. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Ruth Orr Wilson, James R. Orr, Cecil E. Orr, Jackie Orr, Richard Orr and Anna Fay (Orr) Foster; as well as his daughter-in-law, Linda Orr. Visitation will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Christian Education Building of Lake Ann United Methodist Church. Memorial services will follow the visitation beginning at 3 p.m., also at the church, with the Rev. Devon Herrell officiating. Burial will take place at Greenbriar Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions in Charlie's memory may be directed to the Lake Ann United Methodist Church, The American Lung Association or to Hospice of Michigan. The family would like to express their thanks to the staff of Culver Meadows for the excellent care they provided Charlie. Please share your memories of Charlie with his family by way of his online guestbook found at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>. The family is being served by The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Service.