



## Glen Melvin Noonan

November 26, 1926 - September 9, 2014

Glen Melvin Noonan

MAPLE CITY — Glen Melvin Noonan, 87, of Maple City, passed away at his home on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, with his loving family by his side.

Glen was born on November 26, 1926 at the family home in Kasson Township to the late Charles Samuel and Lula Fay (Ashmore) Noonan.

Glen married Ella Montgomery on Sept. 25, 1948, in Vale, Oregon. Together they raised seven wonderful children.

After a stint in the Merchant Marines, which took him to places like Russia, Turkey and the Black Sea, he and a friend headed west. He first worked on an uncle's Nebraska potato farm, then harvested wheat in Kansas, and later worked in Idaho's sugar beet fields. His travels only made him more aware of how much Leelanau County meant to him. After returning to Leelanau County, he and Ella made their home. He was a life time farmer and conservationist. Of their 1,200 acres, over half is now preserved forever through the Leelanau County Land Conservancy after his donation in 2012.

Glen was a member of the Empire Methodist Church. He was a past president of the Michigan Milk Producers Association. He was also a long time member of the Michigan Farm Bureau. In his younger years, he was president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a past member of the Michigan Livestock Association, a member of the Kasson Grange, the Traverse City Elks, the Leelanau County Road Commission for 43 years, earning him the title of longest serving commissioner in the state of Michigan, the Leelanau County Prospectors Club, the Empire Masonic Lodge # 597 and the Shriners of Empire and Traverse City. Glen was also a King Lion and past charter member of the Cedar Maple City Lions Club. In recent years, he donated his land for their annual Christmas Tree sale with proceeds to benefit the works of the club. He also served as the president of the Old Settlers Picnic Association for over 40 years. Glen also enjoyed participating and supporting 4 H.

In his spare time, Glen enjoyed being in the woods and playing cards, especially euchre. He was a dedicated preservationist of our beautiful land and the forests in Leelanau County. Family was the most important thing to Glen and he cherished their annual picnics.

Glen was preceded in death by his beloved Wife of 62 years Ella, brothers Franklin, Charles, Carl, Garnet, sister Muriel Baetz, Doris Dechow, Ethel Furst, Irma Seymour, and Lucy Petelle.

Glen is survived by his children, Robert Wayne (Carolyn) Noonan, Helen Louise (Donald) Case, Glen Russell (Sherry) Noonan, David Mark (Sandra) Noonan, Roger Clark (Beth) Noonan, Carl Francis (Diane) Noonan and Frederick Charles (Karen) Noonan; 17 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; sister Cynthia Monroe and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held for Glen on Friday, September 12 from 2 - 8 pm at the Empire United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday September 13, 2014, at Empire United Methodist Church with a visitation held one hour prior. Burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan, Empire United Methodist Church, or the Cedar Maple City Lions Club.

The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the team at Hospice of Michigan for their outstanding care and compassion.

# Cemetery

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**Rose Hill Cemetery**  
3000 W. Empire Hwy  
Maple City, MI,

# Events

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**SEP 12 Visitation** 02:00PM - 08:00PM  
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Empire Untied Methodist Church  
10050 W. Michigan St., Empire, MI, US, 49630

**SEP 13 Funeral Service**  
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Empire Untied Methodist Church  
10050 W. Michigan St., Empire, MI, US, 49630

# Comments

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“ Howard Rogers of Central Lake, Michigan sends condolences to the family of Glenn Noonan. Howard milked cows for Glen many years ago in Maple City and Glen asked him to work in the tavern because he needed 'honest help'. Howard said When he would cut someone off from drinking, and the person complained to Glen, Glen would back him 100%.

**Melanie White** - August 13, 2017 at 10:39 AM

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“ The annual Noonan reunion was always the second Sunday in August on little Glen Lake. Three things stick out the most from those reunions...  
-Swimming in crystal clear Glen Lake with my cousins  
-My Dad playing cribbage with Uncle Glen's son Roger  
-Uncle Glen standing by his pig roast with a smile as big as the sky  
God Bless the Noonan family.  
Sincerely,  
Anthony & Vira Schillizzi

**Anthony Schillizzi** - September 18, 2014 at 04:34 AM

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“ Dear Noonan family, I'm very sorry for your loss. You truly had wonderful parents.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Robert Roubal

**Diana Roubal** - September 13, 2014 at 09:14 PM

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“ The region has lost a real giant of a man He contributed much to Northwest Michigan in many ways We will all miss him Condolences to the family Sen George McManus Jr (Ret )

**Sen George Mcmanus Jr** - September 13, 2014 at 08:19 AM

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“ GLEN'S WORK EHTICS TOUCHED ALL THAT KNEW HIM JERRY FLASKA

**JERRY FLASKA** - September 13, 2014 at 07:07 AM



“ Uncle Glen will be tremendously missed. He and Aunt Ella welcomed this California girl with open arms and I will always have fond memories of him taking my family to the Sand Dunes, eating big steaks at Long Lake Inn and showing us around town. Uncle Glen and Aunt Ella will always have a special place in my heart and I will miss them dearly. I send my condolences to the Noonan family.

The Seymour Family  
John, Cherylyn, Holland, and John Jr.

**Cherylyn Seymour** - September 13, 2014 at 12:29 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy and our prayers are with the family. We will truly miss a good neighbor and a faithful friend, the countless times playing euchre, a cup of coffee and a visit, and hunting in the fall. His passion for the community he lived in and loved. His deeper passion for his family and friends. Thank you Glen.

**Stanley Wisniewski and family** - September 12, 2014 at 10:07 PM

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“ Well respected gentleman in our community; I had the pleasure of working with Glen years ago on the Planning Commission. He loved our community and was outspoken in trying to preserve the land and the heritage of Kasson Township. Most sincere condolences to his family; rejoice in the loving memories you have.

**Elaine Morse** - September 12, 2014 at 02:38 PM

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“ We send our love and sympathies. Always remember our time spent with Glen and Ella.  
Wish we could make it to the service.

Tom and Brenda Cuatt (Oatley)

**tom cuatt** - September 12, 2014 at 09:22 AM

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“ Many warm thoughts and prayers to the family of Glen Noonan. He was so well respected by so many, including my own family who had deep ties to you all. He was an Icon in your community. May he rest in peace and may you, his family, remember him with pride.

**Marina Courtis Kaufman** - September 11, 2014 at 07:04 PM

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“ Sending my prayers and sympathies to the family. Love, Rachel (daughter of Melissa, grand daughter of Cynthia Monroe.

**Rachel Schrader** - September 11, 2014 at 02:30 PM

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“ for family of Glen Noonan,  
Enjoyed meeting your father at auctions, funerals... really liked his gracious way of greeting me - by name - and the good little visits.  
Leonard Dezelski

**Leonard Dezelski** - September 11, 2014 at 12:29 PM

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“ On behalf of our family, I would like to express our deep condolences to all the Noonan families with the passing of your father, grandfather and great grandfather, Glen. He was an inspiration to us and our community. There will be void in our county without him. Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are sent your way.  
Sincerely,  
The Brehler Family  
Ken, Lynn, Kalin, Cameron and Rachael.

**Brehler Family** - September 10, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ Our sincere condolences at this difficult time for you all. We will never forget our time spent with Glen & Ella when we first moved up here in the mid 1970 , it was fun, educational, and very helpful.

Sincerely,

Len and Sandy Swanson

**Len Swanson** - September 12, 2014 at 02:32 PM