



Nelson Leslie Milks Jr

September 24, 1925 - April 11, 2015

INTERLOCHEN — Nelson “Les” Milks, 89, of Interlochen, passed away on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

He was born on Sept. 24, 1925, in Traverse City to the late Nelson and Elsie (Cronkite) Milks. Les married the late Anna L. Lardie in 1949.

He proudly served his country in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy and is a World War II veteran.

Les, was known as an avid outdoorsman; together with Anna they loved to fish, hunt and travel the country. He was also known for the love of his vintage engines that he displayed at the Old Engine Show.

He worked for the Traverse City Street Department and retired after working for 31 years.

Les was remarried in 1997 to Pauline Grose, of Interlochen.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth (Don) Sandee, of Texas; Linda (Glen) Lile, of Traverse City; and Dorene (Dee) Kinnee of Traverse City; sister, Elsie M. Smith; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Brian and Ford; sisters, June and Olive; daughter, June; son, Nelson; and son-in-law, David Kinnee.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 11 a.m., at the Lodi Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Munson Home Health Hospice, 1150 Medical Campus Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684.

Please share your thoughts and memories of Les by visiting his online guestbook at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery

Lodi Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI,

Events

APR Graveside Service 11:00AM

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Lodi Cemetery

Kalkaska, MI, US

Comments



“ Thank you for being my grandpa, telling me stories of being in the war, and stories of anything in general. I wish you could have made it another week to be at mine and Rob's wedding. Heck, I wish you were still here. You'd love him grandpa! Grandma showed me your wallet where my kindergarten picture was proudly displayed so it was the first thing you saw every time you opened your wallet. I miss you everyday! I love you Grandpa!

Emily Henderson - October 19, 2015 at 06:29 PM



“ Les was a good man. He and my mother, Pauline, came together when they were both going through the grief and loneliness of losing their lifelong spouses. Comfort and companionship blossomed into love. They were married in June of 1997. Les became a part of our family and a grandfather to my daughter, Emily. Together Les and Mom spent many years traveling around the United States ,and visiting with family and good friends.

Christine Bowen - April 20, 2015 at 06:40 AM