



Roman Joseph Michalski

March 29, 1920 - June 21, 2015

TRAVERSE CITY — Roman “Pat” Michalski passed away on June 21, 2015, at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. He was born in Detroit on March 29, 1920, to the late Leon and Blanche (Turkowski) Michalski.

One of five children, he went on to marry Vivian Magiera on Oct. 14, 1944. They later had two children, Marilyn and Robert.

Roman, a man of many words, had a real passion for life. His many talents included drawing (murals of Disney characters on basement walls) and singing opera for three years in the Detroit Civic Opera.

He was a policeman all of his life, from a Detroit bank guard, to patrolman and Sergeant in Traverse City, and later retiring as a Lieutenant for the Albuquerque Sheriff’s Department. During this time, he also acquired a pilot’s license and a building contractors license. He built a motel, many spec homes and later developed property in the Sandia Mountains of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Roman is survived by his daughter, Marilyn (Richard) Bohn; grandchildren, Greg (Christine) Bohn, Christopher (Kim) Bohn; great-grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Alex, Sydney, Joseph and Josh; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian; son, Robert; parents, four siblings, Eleanor, Clem, Richard and Johnny.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Laura Penny, who gave so much love to Pat, Vivian and Bob over the years and to caregiver, Ted Bartleson. Also a big thank you of appreciation is extended to everyone at the Pavilions whose quality care gave Pat so much love and kindness during his last months.

A private family service will be held in the future.

A memorial donation in his name may be made to the charity of one’s choice or to the Traverse City Cherryland Humane Society.

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

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Marilyn and family~

Pat was a great guy to work for. I enjoyed our conversations. He always told me, "Anyone who's last name ends in SKI was alright in my book." His stories and laughter will be missed. May God bless you and keep you all.

~ Shannon Makowski, Comfort Keepers



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Marilyn~ Dick & Family~~

Among life's precious jewels,

Genuine and rare,

The one that we call friendship

Has worth beyond compare.

Your Dad & Mom were always so Dear & Caring for Jerry~Wendy & Me~ The Love

They gave Us will never be forgotten. Jerry talks so much about working for Your

Dad and the rides to school in the morning in his patrol car. Lois always said, " Pat & Vivian were the only ones that always included her family in everything!" Your mom

was a comfort to Lois with Her friendship she gave her.

Take care of each other and know that God is taking Care of Your Dad~Mom & Bobbie!!

Our Love to All of You!! Jerry~Sue~Wendy(MacKeller) Swift



Jerry~Sue Swift, Interlochen, Mi - June 25, 2015 at 09:12 AM