



William John Flory

April 7, 1925 - March 19, 2013

William John Flory, 87 of Traverse City passed away peacefully on March 19, 2013 at Rosegate Assisted Living.

William was born on April 7, 1925 in Grand Rapids, MI to the late Owen and Anna (Remiga) Flory. He married Betty Gyolas on October 15, 1949.

William honorably served our country in United States Army during the Battle of the Bulge and D-Day. He was a machine gunner. Proudly he earned the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

William was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, VFW, and the POW. After his time in service he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving William are his children, Craig (Judy) Flory of Newburgh, NY, Renee (Paul) Willett of Blue Eye, MO, and Michele (Danial) Largent of Traverse City, grandchildren Brandon Flory, Andrew Largent, Amber Jean Largent and a great granddaughter Julia Flory.

William is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Betty in 1996, siblings Elmer Flory, Irene Klumpp, and Lucille Norburg.

Family memorial services will be held in the summer at the Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Disable American Veterans.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Rosegate Residential Care for their wonderful care throughout the years.

Comments



“ Vicki J. Truitt lit a candle in memory of William John Flory



Vicki J. Truitt - March 24, 2013 at 05:49 PM



“ I remember my "witty" Uncle Bill with fond childhood memories. He used to love to play pranks on Craig, Renee, my brother Dan and I. Michelle was just a toddler back then. After he would get a rise out of us, he would laugh with his deep "belly" laugh. Memories are precious things you hold on to forever. I keep mine close to me always. My memories of my Uncle Bill will forever be etched in my heart. Love and Blessings to his family. Sandi (Qualls) Hollopeter, daughter of Gwendolyn Gyolas.

Sandi (Qualls) Hollopeter - March 24, 2013 at 05:11 PM



“ Although I never really got the chance to know "great" Uncle Bill, I was very proud to be a part of his family. I teach American History to Freshman and every year with great pride I would tell the stories of his time of his service that my dad had shared with me. What an amazing man and hero he was to many. When I did get a chance to visit with him at a family reunion a few years ago I did thank him in person and share how proud I was to know him. God Bless You All- With prayers, love and sympathy- Kim (Klumpp) Palmer (Kenny's daughter)

Chris Palmer - March 22, 2013 at 10:58 AM