



Theodore Longnecker

October 29, 1929 - February 14, 2018

Theodore Longnecker, age 88 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the Prestige Place Assisted Living Facility of Clare with his family by his side. He was born the son of Theodore and Viola (Trim) Longnecker, Sr. in Muskegon, MI. on October 29, 1929. In 1951, Theodore was united in marriage and began a family with Louise Fairfield, who preceded Theodore in death in 1964. He was remarried to Carol Moore in 1965, and the couple moved to the Central Michigan area shortly after in 1966. In 1975, Theodore was married to Karen Schleicher and the pair enjoyed nearly thirty-six years of marriage until Karen's passing in 2011. During his working years, Theodore was a proud machine operator for Delfield Manufacturing for twenty-eight years, in which he developed a strong connection in the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and the UAW. He was also a very proud member of the U.S. Navy, having served active time during the Korean War, and he was a proud member and quartermaster of the Clare VFW. Theodore enjoyed fishing in his younger years, collecting coins, but most importantly, he loved softball. Theodore could usually be found on the ball fields of Clare playing or coaching for the Clare Merchants, a team he proudly managed from 1976 to 2010.

Theodore is survived by his children Linda McQueen of Grand Haven, James (Caroline) Longnecker of AZ., Teddy (Diane) Longnecker of GA., Steve (Thui Nguyen) Longnecker of Lansing, Danial Longnecker of GA., Gerald (Vicki) Longnecker of Clare, Timothy Longnecker of Clare, and Renee Briggs of FL. He is also survived by his twenty-seven grand children and thirteen great-grandchildren. Theodore was preceded in death by his parents Theodore and Viola Longnecker, his daughter Rachelle Amira, his brothers Robert and Norman Longnecker, and his sister Barbara Fotis.

A memorial service in honor of Theodore will take place at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Friends may visit with the family at the funeral home on Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to the time of service at 1:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Theodore are recommended to the Clare Little League Program and those who are unable to attend may leave an online condolence on the Longnecker family's page at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Events

FEB **Visitation** 11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St., Clare, MI, US, 48617

FEB **Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ I was sorry to see that Ted had passed. He was my father's roommate at Prestige Place for awhile and my dad, Ernie Brown, thought very highly of. Rest in peace, Ted. My condolences to his entire family.

Kathy Greenacre - February 24, 2018 at 01:07 PM



“ Paul and Karen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theodore Longnecker.



Paul and Karen - February 23, 2018 at 03:46 PM



“ I also have many Memories of Ted. We seen him alot after games at the Moose Lodge, and remember him bragging about everyones great plays.... Ted gave us all alot of Laughs..... You guys had a great dad.... and will be missed by many....

Janet Huntoon - February 19, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ Janet Huntoon lit a candle in memory of Theodore Longnecker



Janet Huntoon - February 19, 2018 at 03:58 AM



“ I will always remember Ted working with the guys in the baseball fields....the last time i seen him was when we had a luncheon for Freddie.....now Ted can throw some ball at him...R.I.P Ted

Janet Huntoon - February 19, 2018 at 04:02 AM



“ Uncle Ted was a loving, caring, and gentle man. I remember all the stories my mom would tell about her brother; he was her protector and best friend. I have a photo of myself in a little white fur coat and hat he brought to me when he was on leave from the service when I was maybe 2 or 3 years old. I was privileged to have spent many early years living next door to my favorite uncle and Aunt Louise; we had the greatest fun crowding into those bunk beds and getting into mischief. I can still hear him telling us to settle down; but under his breath he was giggling right along with us. We had a lot of great times over St. Patrick's Day celebrations at the Doherty, too. I fondly remember how Uncle Ted would take me all over the place introducing me to his friends; we shared a wealth of laughs and joyful times.

I'm sure there was a huge crowd in heaven waiting for you with joy and love. You impacted all our lives, Uncle Ted, and you will live on in our memories and hearts forever. My deepest sympathies to the family and those who loved and cherished him. Thoughts, prayers, and much love to you all for strength and peace during this most difficult time. Sherry Butler

Sherry Butler - February 18, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ Ted was the best Stepfather one could ask for he was a huge part of my life for 42 years and always fair with all of us kids. He was always quick to help someone in need. And the statement no child left behind would describe one of his many characteristics. I have many great memories of Ted but my favorite was his sense of humor which he carried until the end. I keep with me many memories and am thankful for him always. I will forever miss him love alwaysRobin

Robin Green - February 15, 2018 at 11:25 PM



“ We are sad within our memory, lonely are our hearts today. Dad you have forever been called away. We think of you in silence. No eye may see us weep, but many silent tears are shed. WE LOVE YOU DAD



twee Nguyen - February 15, 2018 at 11:16 PM



“ Ted was a amazing man and always had a infectious smile on his face! I had the great opportunity to realy get to know him and spent some great times with him . He was always a real joy to be around. We brought home first place when I sponsored clare merchants. A time I will never forget and I still have the trophy and some coins he passed to me. He loved his kids and his friends. A wonderful man that will be missed by all but never forgotten. Prayers to all the family for your loss. Ted is now your guardian angel. Kathleen Merrill-Gierum

Kathleen Merrill-Gierum - February 15, 2018 at 10:00 PM