



James "Ed" Mackie Sr.

January 29, 1929 - October 2, 2012

James "Ed" E. Mackie, Sr., age 83 of Farwell, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at his home. Ed was born the son of Bruno and Eileen (Kiltinen) Mackie on January 29, 1929 in Detroit. He was married to Ruth Boyd with her predeceasing him in 1985. He was then united in marriage to Teresa Kirby on August 1, 1988. Ed had served his Country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He had worked as an Air Traffic Controller at Detroit Metro Airport, and had retired from MBS International Airport. Ed was proud of the fact that he had built his own home with his bare hands with help of family and friends. He was an avid Detroit Tigers, Lions and Redwings fan; even going so far as to plan his day around game time. Ed was a big fan of all the Farwell Sports; he had bowled at Gateway Lanes in Clare every Tuesday during Senior Bowling and on Saturday in the SNOBS League. Ed had played hockey in his younger years, even getting the chance to play at the Olympia Arena in Detroit. He enjoyed riding his 4-wheeler, hunting, fishing and camping at Whiskey Creek; he loved his sweets and Mt. Dew. Ed was a member of the Farwell American Legion and the Farwell V.F.W. Ed was a diehard yooper, having built a deer camp near Gwinn. He will be remembered by his family as being a man of good humor, who always had a smart alec remark. Ed was a member and attended the Farwell United Methodist Church. Ed is survived by his wife Teresa; his children James "Jim" (Pam McArthur) Mackie, Jr. of Clare, Carol (Jim) Laffey of Livonia, and Jackie (Bryan) Darland of Lake; his brother Russell (Joy) Mackie of Spruce; his sister-in-law Judy

Mackie of Farwell; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and many adopted children and grandchildren. Ed was predeceased by his parents, two daughters, Sandra Crofoot and Lisa Denham, his brother Dwaine Mackie, his great grandson Carter Denham and his aunt Eleanor Chilson.

A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Farwell Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home with Pastor Connie Bongard officiating. Visitation will take place prior from 4 to 7 P.M.

Memorial contributions may be made to Teresa Mackie. Please consider leaving the Mackie family an on-line condolence at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Farwell)
165 South Hall St.
P.O. Box 231
Farwell, MI 48622
(989) 588-9630
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Service

OCT 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bonnie Ortiz lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Mackie Sr.*



bonnie ortiz - October 10, 2012 at 05:16 PM



Not enough candles ever for you papa!!! I love you and kiss and hug momma for me.

bonnie ortiz - October 10, 2012 at 05:17 PM



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bonnie ortiz - October 10, 2012 at 05:14 PM



You were the best papa ever!!!!

bonnie ortiz - October 10, 2012 at 05:14 PM

DC

“ One of my most favorite people in the world. I cannot even express how much I will miss him. He was extremely witty and always cracking jokes, loved to antagonize all kids whether it was his grandkids, great grandkids, or random kids. He accepted everyone and had nothing bad to say about anyone. If you were able to cross paths with him, you understood what a gift he was to our family and anyone who came in contact with him. He was someone to look up to and I feel blessed to have him in my life as long as I did, although it still wasn't long enough. Love you Papa.

Dana Chapman - October 07, 2012 at 05:20 PM

L(

“ Teresa, Jackie. you are both in our thoughts. sorry for your loss.

LaNel Henry (Brewer)

Patty Henry

Keri Henry (Fick)

LaNel Henry (Brewer) - October 06, 2012 at 08:04 AM



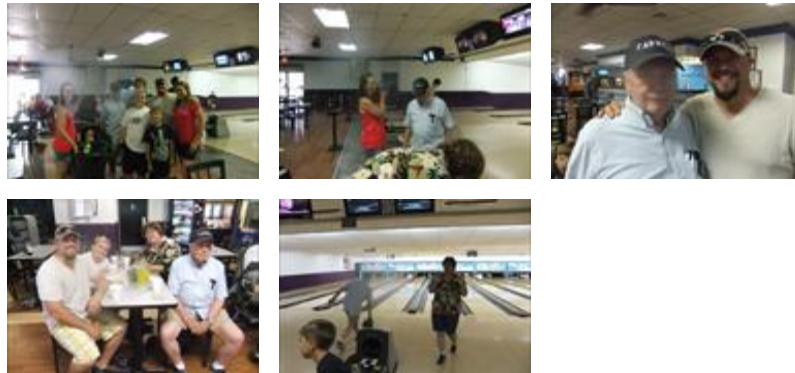
“ lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Mackie Sr.



October 05, 2012 at 07:20 PM

MD

“ 6 files added to the album *Bowling in FL*



Michelle Denham - October 05, 2012 at 07:14 PM

JC

“ *Teresa: We were so saddened to hear about Ed. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Ed.. John & Sue Carey*

John J. Carey - October 05, 2012 at 03:37 PM

TL

“ *Tammi Lipovsky lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Mackie Sr.*



Tammi Lipovsky - October 05, 2012 at 07:20 AM

BS

“ *Teresa and family,
So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ed was
a special person and touched many people lives. Thinking of you
during this difficult time.*

Carl, Brenda, Kelsey and Morgan Seiter

Brenda Seiter - October 05, 2012 at 05:20 AM

JK

“ *Jessica Krupinski lit a candle in memory of
James "Ed" Mackie Sr.*



Jessica Krupinski - October 04, 2012 at 10:30 PM

SR

“ *Papa, I am missing you so much already, even though we have
always lived far apart. All of my memories of you are filled with joy. I
love how you made everyone feel welcome to your home. You knew
how to get a laugh out of anybody, even us shy ones. And you
never gave up trying to make a connection. Your great
granddaughter, Hannah, was easily embarrassed and a challenge
to make laugh at first. Of course it didn't take long and she came to
love Papa like the rest of us. Thank you, Papa, for making everyone
of us feel special. And for being there for all of us. Sweet, kind,
gentle, and funny Papa, you will be missed beyond measure. Love
you so much.*

Love your granddaughter, Sara Rimshas

Sara Rimshas - October 04, 2012 at 09:14 PM

TA

“ Terry Webster-Whiskey Creek Condo Assoc.
lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Mackie
Sr.



Terry Webster-Whiskey Creek Condo Assoc. - October 04, 2012 at 02:19 PM

RF

“ Ricky Lee Yats And Family lit a candle in
memory of James "Ed" Mackie Sr.



ricky lee yats and family - October 04, 2012 at 02:15 PM

RF

our prayers are with you and your family

ricky lee yats and family - October 04, 2012 at 02:20 PM

JP

“ Ed's love of Farwell and the entire school community was duly
noted and appreciated. Our condolences for your loss. John, Angela
and JD

John Pakledinaz - October 04, 2012 at 10:44 AM

JA

“ 16 files added to the album Misc. Pics



Jackie - October 04, 2012 at 09:00 AM



“ 0 file added to the tribute wall

October 04, 2012 at 08:53 AM

RB

“ *ED was the dearest, kindest, gentle man that supported his family like no other! I am so glad for the recent visit that Ed, Teresa, Jackie and Gabby made to Florida this past July. He walked the entire Busch Gardens park without needing a rest, and never complained (unless he thought something was going to cost him extra money..LOL) We had the best time!*

To Teresa and Jackie: My heart is broken with the loss of your husband and dad. Please know that we loved him very much! He will be missed by many! Love Rhonda, Tim, and Tyler Boedecker

Rhonda Boedecker - October 04, 2012 at 04:39 AM



“ *Brenda Petersen lit a candle in memory of James "Ed" Mackie Sr.*



Brenda Petersen - October 03, 2012 at 11:57 PM



What I remember most about Ed, he NEVER missed a sports event that Jackie was involved with, he supported her and Teresa in every way he could. He made me feel so welcome in his home and told the best stories!! The way he treated Teresa, priceless! He will be missed but I know he watches over his family now.

Brenda Petersen - October 04, 2012 at 12:01 AM



“ *Papa was the greatest man I knew, he was always so full of life and happy. I'll always cherish the memories of going up to the house during the summer and Papa always being so funny and acting like one of the kids. One of my favorite memories of Papa is when we went to the Clare County fair and Papa rode all the rides with us, he always did. I love you Papa you have no idea how much of an impact you made on so many lives. Your always in our hearts rest in paradise give Grammie a kiss for me Love you both more than anything. Love Britt*

brittany hicks - October 03, 2012 at 11:50 PM

GR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Geoff Rimshas - October 03, 2012 at 10:41 PM



Here kitty kitty kitty

October 03, 2012 at 11:59 PM



“ *I'm going to miss you Ed. I'm so glad we had the chance to spend time together at the end of August. We had such a good time the three of us. One of my fondest memories of that time was Ed writing all of our names in the railing. He was so cute. Thanks Ed for loving me the way you did. I will never forget you. You are forever in my heart. Loving you always. Mary Ann Polachek*

October 03, 2012 at 10:19 PM

LH

“ *Teresa, I'm so glad that we reconnected at BHS Reunion, it was obvious then how much you & Ed loved each other. You must have many fun, happy and wonderful memories which I hope will carry you and your loved ones through the difficult times ahead. Be proud and strong because you were blessed with a great man! Hugs and prayers to you*

Lori Hockridge - October 03, 2012 at 08:50 PM

BO

We lost the most perfect man that ever lived yesterday. We will miss you Papa for the rest of our lives. A very fond memory of my Papa is when all of us nine grandchildren were laying in the front room watching tv, minding our own business and Papa came in and laid across our legs just to get us reiled up and then he ran into the kitchen and stood by the sink and laughed at all of us because we got yelled at for running in the house, cause of course we were chasing him. I love you Papa and will until the day that I die.

Bonnie Ortiz - October 03, 2012 at 09:39 PM