



Morris Lee Kapplinger

November 3, 1921 - March 25, 2014

Morris L. Kapplinger, age 92, of Farwell, peacefully passed away in the home of his birth on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, surrounded by family. Morris was born the son of William C. and Charlotte E. (Northern) Kapplinger on November 3, 1921. He was a graduate of Clare High School and was active in football, boxing, and baseball. Morris was inducted into the Army of the United States on December 15, 1942. He served overseas in Europe and stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He was honorably discharged from military service on December 28, 1945. He was united in marriage to Rose F. Athey on July 6, 1946. After service in the military, Morris was employed by Joslin Plumbing, Holley Carburetor, and Evert Products. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Clare Church of the Nazarene.

Morris is survived by his children Jarvis (Donna) Kapplinger, Pamela Kapplinger; grandchildren Jeff (Nina) McQuiston, Shannon (Alissa) McQuiston, Valorie Owens, Kayla Kapplinger, Tyler Owens; five great grandchildren, and his brother Kenneth Kapplinger. He was preceded in death by his wife Rose, son Kevin, daughter Sandra, siblings Jarvis, Frances, Ethel, and Charles.

Services and visitation will be held at the Clare Church of the Nazarene. Visitation is 5-8pm Thursday and 10am Friday. The funeral service will be held on Friday at 11am with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Burial will be at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare. Memorial contributions can be made to

MidMichigan Home Care or Petitt-Kaplinger VFW Post. Arrangements were handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Clare Church of the Nazarene
10160 S. Grant Avenue
Clare, MI 48617

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Violet lit a candle in memory of Morris Lee Kapplinger*



Violet - April 05, 2014 at 11:57 AM

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



Violet Dougherty - March 31, 2014 at 06:08 PM

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“ *Dear Uncle Morrie, You and Aunt Rose were such role models for me. Mom & Dad loved you both dearly and always had you in their hearts which transferred to me as our trips to Michigan became dear, precious memories of childhood. I'll never forget so many lovely times there, but most especially one winter on the frozen lake when you took me ice fishing (my one and only time). Walking across a frozen lake was like a miracle to me and then seeing that thick ice with a hole in it just blew my young mind. I don't even remember catching any fish but we probably did. It was just the whole other worldly atmosphere that stays with me and you always by my side during that time. I love you and wish you peace.*
Charlotte Scott

Charlotte - March 27, 2014 at 08:06 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Morris Lee Kapplinger.*



March 27, 2014 at 06:47 PM



“ *Uncle Morris was a sweet man. My mother, Morris' sister (Ethel) loved him very much. All the family did. He and Rose were hardworking, honest, wonderfully kind people and will be missed. (niece, Violet Dougherty)*

Vi Dougherty - March 27, 2014 at 04:57 PM

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“ I am very sorry for your loss and prayer be with you and all of the family.

I have good memories of Morris and Rose.

After meeting Jarvis and being around the farm in my younger years, with Jarvis and motorcycles, learning things and helped bail hay a few different years.

Working with the family bailing hay, helping bail and put it in the barn, riding all different kinds of machines from motorcycles to tractors, quads, fixing old bailers, out in the fields to down in the cedar swamps getting logs out. Out on the frozen ponds or lakes riding and when work was done it was the whole family, whatever needed to be done all played there part.

With Morris and Rose inviting me into their house, very welcoming and sharing a meal that Rose had made.

All were welcome at the Kapplinger farm, I always felt that way. weather I was a pain at that young age or not, I was always welcome to roam their fields or woods and enjoy the farm and lake lot, even my old dog was welcome to come and roam around.

I have nothing but good memories of that farm and being welcome there at any time. With the whole family always being good to me. Jarvis, If you need anything at all, help getting things around, moving anything, getting things in order?

I would be happy to help, come up on my days off and give you a hand, let me know if you do.

I will miss Morris and Rose very much, they are and always will be very good people to me.

God bless, very sorry for your loss.

Steve Esch

Steve Esch - March 27, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Morris Lee Kapplinger*.



March 26, 2014 at 05:56 PM