



Richard "Dick" C. Garthe

March 6, 1934 - April 13, 2015

Richard (Dick) Carl Garthe, the son of Carlton and Helen Garthe, was born March 6, 1934 in Ishpeming, Michigan. He passed on to be with his loving Father in heaven on April 13, 2015. Dick was a loving husband, wonderful father and a happy and playful grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Connie (Seiter) Garthe; children Rick (Rhonda) Garthe, Kim (Tom) Dickinson, DeAnn (Myron) Spaay, and Julie Gregory; grandchildren: Beth (Dickinson) Venton, A.J. Spaay, Steven Dickinson, Whitney (Spaay) Skop, Ashley (Gregory) Killian, Catrina (Gregory) Epps, Rachel Gregory, Megan Garthe (deceased), Malia Dickinson, Michael Dickinson; great grandchildren: Natalie, Jonathan, Chloe, Jackson, Joy, and Riggson; siblings: Darylene (Tom) Shea, Ron (Paulla) Garthe, Carl (Jan) Garthe and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Dick graduated from Clare High School and Michigan State University and went on to manage lumber yards in Michigan, North and South Carolina. Eventually he founded his own specialty millwork company in South Carolina. Dick retired and returned to Michigan where he continued his love for working with wood, making furniture for family and friends as well as being "Mr. Fixit" for any who expressed a need.

Dick was a devoted Christian giving and sharing his faith wherever he was. Dick was a kind considerate and happy man spreading smiles and sunshine wherever he went. He will be missed by many and loved by all.

Memorial Service to yet be determined.

Memorial gifts to the following: Bay Pointe Community Church located at 6880 Secor Rd; Traverse City MI 49685 - American Cancer Society.

Arrangements handled by the Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home. On-line guestbook at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Tribute Wall

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“ We are sorry to hear about the passing of your husband, father, grandfather . . . a special man. Memories of his smile and warm handshake are here in our hearts. Kind words have always come out of his mouth. A heart for our Savior was fervent. Glad to know he is in Jesus' arms right now! He will be missed by many!
Love in Him,
Van & Marilyn

Marilyn Frazee - April 17, 2015 at 11:22 AM