



Alfred Henry Olmstead

December 13, 1914 - June 13, 2011

Alfred Henry Olmstead passed away peacefully at home June 13, 2011. He was born in Raber, MI on December 13, 1914, the son of Henry and Ella "Nellie" (Kelly) Olmstead. An adventurous soul, Al hitchhiked to Florida as a young man and worked there for a couple years. He worked in the CCC Camp known as Camp Forgotten. He was a Taxi Cab driver, but mainly worked as a body man at several shops in Sault Ste. Marie. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served in England during WWII. He loved to hunt and fish instilling this love in his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Al was always proud of his garden and together with his Lady friend of 37 years; Audrey Piche, he canned veggies, apple sauce, and raspberry jam that many of you enjoyed. He and Audrey spent 35 summers in their camper at Sherman Park and everyone was welcome to visit or share a meal. He is survived by Audrey Piche, his friend for 37 years. (Audrey was considered "close enough grandma" to Al's grandchildren). Al is also survived by his twin sons: Lawrence (Marti) Olmstead and Gerald (Judy) Olmstead of Muskegon, MI; three daughters: Patricia (Dennis) Nelson of Escanaba, MI, Robin (Fred Farris) Lewis of Watertown, SD, and Jill Olmstead of Texas; grandchildren: Larry (Kelly) Olmstead, Mike (Christina) Olmstead, Jeff Olmstead, Amber (Brian) Smith, Craig (Leanne) Nelson, Brad (Christine) Nelson, Paul (Jessi) Nelson, Morgan (John) Razon, Lisa (Dave) Hallaver, and Jamie Stout; 25 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchildren with another one on the way, plus several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his

parents Henry in 1923 and Ella in 1977. Catherine Williams, the mother of Larry, Jerry and Pat in 1978, brother: Leo Olmstead; sister-in-law: Mary; sister: Dorothy Desarmeaux and her husband Joe, and daughter-in-law: Sandy Olmstead. A very special thanks to Al and Audrey's friends and relatives Karen and Tommy Garenflow, Sharon Jaros, Kenny McKerchie, and Gloria Ray for all their help and support during Al's illness. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 12:00 noon on Thursday 16, 2011 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at noon with Father Sebastian Kavumkel officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. Memorials may be left to a charity of one's choice.

Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Al was a great guy and will be missed. Prayers and hugs to you, Audrey and family. Thinking of you...*

Bridget Smith - June 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I wish to say how sad I am to hear that Al has passed away. Both he and Audrey were good friends to George Rohrer Jr. and Sr. and he did the work on my first car back in 1973. I will never forget the good times we had hanging out with them over the years. All our love Audrey!*

Marg, Chip, Andy & John Rohrer

Marg Rohrer - June 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *I am so sorry of the loss of your father..Alfred was a sweet person and I always enjoyed visiting with him and Audrey. Audrey, you were so good to him and I know he cared so much for you. God bless you all and may he give you peace.*

Joan Atkins - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss of Alfred... my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Aunt Audrey and Family I wanted to share this quote with all of you...

OX Carmella

I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Leo Buscaglia

Carmella Baldino - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ So sorry for you loss. I enjoyed listening to his stories. And found it to know about the places in Raber he would talk about they were not to far from where my house was.

Tabitha - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Grandpa Al you will be missed dearly! We will make sure your Great Great Grand Children know everything about you!

To Audrey you are one of the best Grandma's ever! Our prayers go out to you, we know you will miss that ole guy! You two were like two peas in a pod! We love you! Shannon, Brittany, Andrew, Cameron and Peyton!

Shannon Olmstead Ingraham - June 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM