



George Belonga

November 13, 2010

George Belonga 89, of St. Ignace, died early Saturday, November 13, at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility. He was born June 7, 1921 in Carp River, one of 12 children born to Oliver & Mary (LaFave) Belonga. George worked on the construction of the Soo Locks. He also worked for Fern Barrett Homes as a truck driver; Hollingsworth Lumber; and retired after 36 years of service with Edison Sault Electric as Plant Operator in St. Ignace. He was a member of the Sault Tribe Chippewa Indians; and St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. He was a key player in the establishment of the Elders of the Sault Tribe. He loved the outdoors, and hunting and fishing, and taught his kids the same. He played fast pitch softball and was an avid bowler. He had a sewing machine business in his home, and was known as someone who could fix anything. He helped his wife for 25 years in the foster care home, and was a foster parent to dozens of kids. He had a small farm on Rabbits Back road, and raised a large garden and goats and sheep to feed the family. In his early years he was in the CCC camp.

He is survived by his family; Chico Belonga, St. Ignace; Wayne & Cheryl Belonga, St. Ignace; Ken & Tammy Belonga, Lansing; Donald and Jeff Belonga, Lansing; Gloria Lauder, Cheboygan; a sister, Lucy Savard, St. Ignace; 9 grandchildren and 1. great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 10 am at Dodson Funeral Home with Deacon Don Olmstead officiating. Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery beside his wife Gladys, who died October 16, 1994. They were married June 20, 1942.

Memorials may be made to Hospice with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted the family with arrangements. Visitation was Monday evening from 6 to 8 pm at the funeral home. Pallbearers will be family.

Tribute Wall



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