



Cecil Raymond Ojala

March 4, 1928 - June 22, 2013

Cecil Raymond Ojala, 85, of Brimley Michigan, was welcomed home into the arms of his Savior on Saturday, June 22, 2013 with his family by his side. Cecil was born March 4, 1928 in Brimley Michigan, the son of the late Reuben and Alma (Nivala) Ojala. He was a proud graduate of Brimley High School in 1946, having played basketball and baseball. He loved to pitch and did so very well, having had the "offer" to try out for professional ball. Following High School, Cecil worked for the U.S. Forestry Service, D.N.R., the Tannery, and the Army Corp of Engineers. From 1950 to 1952, Cecil proudly served his country with the U. S. Army in Germany. In 1954, he joined The Michigan State Police, retiring in 1980. Also in 1980, Cecil married Audrey Alexander, and together they have eight children. They owned and operated the Parkway Motel. Cecil was actively involved past/present with the V.F.W., American Legion, BPOE, Christopher Columbus Hall, Sault Horseshoe League, Crime Stoppers, and The Sault Salmon Derby. In his spare time, he enjoyed family and friends, pitching horseshoes, playing cribbage, fishing and hunting, as well as good times with the "BMB's". For more than 25 years they wintered in Alabama. Meeting wonderful friends... "Chosen family". Cecil is survived by Audrey, his loving wife of 33 years, his children, Michael (Joan) Ojala, David (Carolyn) Ojala, Stephen (Tina) Ojala, Nancy (Paul) Brewster, Pamela (Jerome) Gervias, Steven (Sandy) Forrest, Carol (Christopher) Millward, and Terri Forrest, as well as 24 grand children and 15 great grand children. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters, Reuben (Betty) Ojala, Margaret

(Charles) Matthews, Gladys (Jim) McKiddie, Clarence (Mary) Ojala, Mildred Upchurch, and Stanley (Karen) Ojala, Hazel (Orville) Nutkins, Leah Brown, Elaine (Odin) Eitrem, Charles (Kathy) Alexander and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him on his journey, besides his parents were, his sisters Gloria Cottle and Eleanor Ojala, sister-in-law Sharon Ojala, and brother-in-laws Clarence Cottle, James Upchurch, Peter Brown and twin granddaughters Patricia and Michelle Millward. Visitation will be held on Wednesday June 26, 2013 at the First Congregational Church in Brimley, beginning at 10:00 a.m. A Celebration of Cecil's life will begin at 12:00 noon with Pastor Rod Case officiating. A luncheon will be served at the Brimley V.F.W. Hall. Following the luncheon, Cecil will be laid to rest at Spectacle Overlook Cemetery. (Mission Hill Cemetery)

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ *Ojala Family,*

Sorry to hear about Cecil's passing.

I had the opportunity to meet Cecil in 1977 while doing my internship at the MSP Soo Post. Cecil was part of my decision to enlist in the MSP in 1978.

God Bless You,

Ralph Boudreau, Jr. (Trooper Retired)

Ralph Boudreau, Jr. - June 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *Dear Audrey,*

We were so sorry to hear of Cecil's passing. We pray that your treasured memories of Cecil will keep you strong.

Extending our deepest sympathies and prayerful assurances to you and your family.

God's peace to you.

Sincerely,

Glenn & Doreen

Glenn & Doreen Nelson - June 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Audrey and Family,
We know it has been difficult for quite a period of time; God never said it would be easy, but He did say that He is always with us. May you find peace in the thought that Cecil is in our Lord's presence. God Bless You. Love, Bob and Sharyn (Arfstrom)

Bob and Sharyn - June 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Aunt Audrey, You and the family are in our prayers. I know it hasn't been easy for you. Take care and God bless you! Love, Sally

Sally Hill - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dearest Audrey, Please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt sorrow in your loss of Cecil. Jim and I were very lucky to have the pleasure of knowing him and enjoying your company at the Red Coat Events. His love of you and the family could be felt by those who knew him. May the many prayers be of comfort to you and your family during this time.

Sincerely,

Lynda and Jim Garlitz

Lynda & Jim Garlitz - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ One of the finest men to walk this earth. Cecil was kind and caring to my family for which I am eternally grateful. God bless Cecil and his family.

Lois (LaPlante) Cowin - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ *We're so very sorry to hear about Cecil - he was such a fun-loving guy and great friend! Our prayers are with you and your family today and always.*

Teri & Pete LaBelle - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM