



Floyd H. Mackie

June 24, 1931 - March 16, 2016

Floyd H Mackie went home to our Lord and creator on Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Floyd was born on June 24, 1931 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI to David S. and Libbie A (Anderson) Makinen later changed to Mackie. Floyd was born with a heart for American patriotism. He constantly was aware of the flags in the Soo flying high or at half-staff and disappointed when they weren't in syncronation as they should be!! As a young boy during the Second World War there was a big drive on for any scrap metal one could find so he and his buddies went about gathering scrap metal with their wagon to help the war effort. He lived on 4TH Ave as a small boy and in those days there were corner outside rinks every few blocks where hockey was the main theme most of the time. He was an avid competitor in the hockey arena and played goalie with the "south side" gang. Some of his best childhood memories were with his buddies of that time, Bud Clark, Lyle Jenks, Americo Bonacci and the Sauro Boys. Floyd was known for playing jokes and agitating whoever he could. Floyd had an older brother Jim in the Navy and his distaste for school drew him to leave school and join the Navy in July 1949. He loved the Navy and his duties took him sailing all over the world. His love was to be on the water traveling and seeing the world. He would rattle of the places that gave him great memories, Portsmouth, England; Argentia, Newfoundland; Norfolk USA; next he was a part of the Pacific Reserve Fleet and was always on ships taking him to Hawaii, Korea, Japan, Mid-way Islands about and around the South Pacific. The Malabar (known as The Galloping Ghost of the Korean

Coast), S.S. St. Francis River, and the USS Sussex were several of his ships. He spent a year as the cook, on a YTB in Kodiak, Alaska where for the year they had a regular diet of King crab. His shipmates on those aboard ship years are still his friends of today living throughout the United States. The camaraderie of those young sailors at the tail end of the war drew them together like blood brothers that nothing can separate. He has 3 Honorable Navy discharges that he was very proud of that. Floyd married Marilyn Goeschel on Aug. 21, 1957 in Sault Ste. Marie and together they opened Floyd Razor's Edge Barber/stylist shop and Marilyn's Beauty salon in the Aunt Marion's complex on the south side. Floyd barbered with Bob Noble at Nobles barbershop on Ashmun St. for years previous to this. He later went to work for the MI. DOC at Marquette branch and then Kinross Correctional Facility as a food service supervisor. Floyd was predeceased by a brother: James (Doris) Mackie; sister's: Lillian Noble and Margaret (Maynard) Davidson; and nephew's: David Mackie and Gordie Goeschel. Floyd is survived by his Marilyn, a brother Carl Mackie (Karen) of Mt. Vernon, Ohio; Brother-in-Law Robert Noble of Sault Ste. Marie; Brother-in-law Gordon (Lavon) Goeschel; Chuck (April) Goeschel; many nieces and nephews in Mt. Vernon, Ohio area; special nephew & neice Keith Baker, Kinross, MI; Tracy Smeeton- Cormier, Lebanon, Maine; and many other nieces and nephews here and about the country. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Monday March 21, 2016 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Rader officiating. Friends may gather at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until the time of the service. Burial will be held later at Oaklawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to Hospice House of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending our sincere sympathy with love, Al and Dixie Picotte*

Dixie Picotte - March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will miss Uncle Floyd dearly. The memories I have of him and Aunt Marilyn with my family growing up are the best memories I gave as a kid and will cherish all those times. I believe this is not goodbye but See you again. My prayers and love to Aunt Marilyn.*

Jamie Mackie Ogden - March 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Floyd was an awesome person. I am very sad that I didn't get to see him recently but I remember the memories I have. Marilyn you know I'm thinking of you and praying.*

Jennifer (Floyd) and Ben Leaser - March 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM