



Gene F. Kirby

January 31, 1935 - June 25, 2015

Gene Francis Kirby, age 80, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Thursday evening, June 25, 2015 at Freighter View Assisted Living. Gene was born on January 31, 1935 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, the son of the late Jay Thomas and Esther (Mattson) Kirby. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1954 and joined the National Guard #1437 Engineer Company. Gene worked as an owner of an auto body shop for many years. He loved his work and enjoyed music. Gene is survived by two children: Rod (Janice) Kirby of Tucson, AZ and Yvonne Kirby of Kentucky; two grandchildren: Shelly Ann (Mahes) Prasad and Jessica Lynn Kirby; and two great grandchildren: Danielle and Nicolette Prasad. He is also survived by three sisters: Katherine Scarfone of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Marie (Royce) Jordan of Marquette, MI, and Susan (Tom) Brown of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and two brothers: Richard Kirby of Lansing, MI and Steve (Jackie) LaLonde of Brimley, MI. Gene was preceded in death by his father: Jay Thomas Kirby; and his mother: Esther (Mattson) LaLonde. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 6, 2015 at Pine Grove Cemetery.