



Harlan K. Freeman

September 22, 1937 - March 6, 2010

Harlan Keith Freeman, age 72, of Rudyard, Michigan passed away at his home Saturday morning, March 6, 2010. Harlan was born on September 22, 1937 in Dalhart, Texas, the son of Carl and Elva (Ehart) Freeman. He grew up on the Heiskell Ranch in Texas, where he worked until he married Silva Brooks on June 25, 1955 in Aztec, NM. They came to Michigan in 1959 where Harlan worked on the housing construction at Kincheloe AFB. He then worked construction all over the country until returning to Michigan and finally settling in Rudyard, Michigan in 1976. He was a member of the Rudyard Presbyterian Church, United Steelworkers of America, and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan, Bethel Lodge #358. Harlan was a master carpenter, who enjoyed making furniture and carving with the Once a Tree carving group. He also enjoyed training horses and reading Western novels. He is survived by his wife: Silva Jean Freeman; two daughters: Connie Freeman of West Bend, WI and Harla (Douglas) Lawson of Ostrander, OH; a son: Jeff Freeman of Kinross, MI; 13 grandchildren: Heather (Ray) Kangas, Holly (Matt) Knoeck, Hope Humphrey, Hannah (Greg) Hoffman, Heidi (Jonathan) Allen, Shae (Chet) Lowry, Renee (B.G.) Young, Bethany (Ryan) Schor, Mary Lawson, Thoren Freeman, Jeremy (Lauren) Freeman, David Freeman, and Eric Freeman; and 14 great grandchildren: Michaela Frazier, Jonathan Kangas, Dakota Kangas, Melody Humphrey, Gavin Hoffman, Dustin Kangas, Charity Humphrey, Jayce Allen, Austin Hoffman, Meagan Knoeck, Charles Lowry, Caedan Lowry, Kendra Young, and Baby Girl Young. A

graveside memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at Kinross Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Rudyard Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund or Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

CF

“ With unbelievable sadness Dads burial was yesterday. A great many friends and co-workers blessed our family with words of how dad touched thier lives in so many ways. What a blessing that was to our family. Thank you all for celebrating his life with us.

Connie freeman - May 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Hi Silva: Edith just told me about you losing your husband. I want you to know my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Please visit with Edith as she will be a pillar of strength for you. Again, so sorry about the loss of your husband.

Carla Costner

carla costner - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ dear family,
we are deeply saddened by the loss of harlan. we hope you all are comforted by your loving memories of such a great man. we are very sorry we can't be at the memorial service. our daughter stephanie is getting married on may 1 in the evening. our love to you all. miss and love you. steve and jackye

steve and jackye cushioning - April 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ My heart is sad at the loss of my brother ,my friend. I will forever remember the times we shared.He was an awesome presence He touched many lives and was loved by many. May you rest now.

Louise Newman - March 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Dear Silva and family*

My deepest sympathy to you and your family on Harlan's passing. He was a wonderful man, creative and artistic and I enjoyed so much the time we spent visiting at your beautiful hoome. My prayers are with you dear friend. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you too.

Love - MaryAnn

MaryAnn Harrington - March 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *my prayes are with your family , I think of you often*

carol eby - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *At first I wasn't sure this was the Harley Freeman, I remembered as a child. But now, after reading his obituary I am sure. I believe Harley worked on some construction jobs with my father, Peter Routhier. I met Harley when I was maybe 7 or 8 years old and I have to tell you.....I am 49 right now and that memory has stayed with me all this time. What a Kind and Gentle Man. I am sure he will be missed very much by your whole family! My sincere condolences. Toni (Routhier) Phillips*

Toni (Routhier) Phillips - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ *Harlan was a great man and will be deeply missed by his Sister, Louise, and his brothers Terry and Alvin.*

Friend of the Family - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Silva, Connie, Harla and Jeff, my deepest heartfelt symapthies are with you all now. I am so very sorry that Harlan has left you, and all of us. He was such a great person,son, brother, husband, father and uncle to all of us! I will treasure the memories we have forever and may God wrap his arms around you at this time and keep you safe and give you peace. Austin wanted me to tell you he will never forget how to play the horses on Hoyle Casino thanks to his Great Uncle Harlan...they were so funny that day! What a treasured memory for my son to have of his great uncle. May God bless you and keep you safe. We love you much!*

Larry, Cynthia & Austin Dondrea - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Silva and family,*

We are saddened to hear about Harlen. He will be missed by many.

Dave and Sheila

David & Sheila Gaines - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *We wll deeply miss our friend and fellow carver. Our thoughts are with Sylva and the entire family.*

Don and Sandy Carruthers - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Harlan's passing. He will be greatly missed. We are so thankful of the time spent with him and all the youthful memories.*

Merle and Jan

Merle & Jan Heiskell - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Thinking about you and your family. Our prayers are with you.

Barb Niemi Copher - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Harla,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please remember that with every sunset is the promise of a sunrise.

*Love,
The Snooks*

David and Kelly Snook - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was always so impressed with this man. For 35 years your wave and smile as you drove by our home every day will be missed. Our hearts go out to your family Harlen. You were truly a great man.

Jan and Gary Sobleski - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I don't know what to say, the world has lost a truly great man.

Marc & Sonomi Douglas

Marc & Sonomi Douglas - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I work with Shae and was very sorry to hear of your lose.

Chris Cameron - March 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM