



Howard C, Alkire

June 29, 2011

Howard C. Alkire, 94 of St. Ignace passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, June 29 surrounded by his family, after a short illness.. He was born December 4, 1916 in Kalkaska\`Mi. In his youth he was in a CCC camp near St. Ignace. Howard married Dorothy Gorman on May 14, 1937 in Engadine, and she died October 12, 2005. During WWII he worked for the Packard Plant in River Rouge, and served in the US Army at the end of the war. The family moved to St. Ignace and then to Sault Ste. Marie where he was with Cadillac Coverall Laundry for 25 years, and became supervisor for Crisp Laundry. who purchased the Cadillac Co. and worked for over 40 years total. He retired in 1981 and moved to St. Ignace, and worked for Glens Market until he was 90 years old. He never showed his age, was very spry and loved to talk to people. He donated his time also to the Hope Chest. He was a longtime member of St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. Howard also picked up cans along the highways, donating money to charity.

He is survived by his family; daughters, Brenda and Paul Nelson, San Diego, CA; Mary Alkire, St. Ignace; sons, Gary & Ingrid Alkire, Bessemer; Bernard and Pat Alkire, Houghton; Tom and Barbara Alkire, St. Ignace; and Mark Alkire, St. Ignace; a sister. Bertha Glashaw, St. Ignace; sister in law, Marie Gorman, St. Ignace; brother in law, Chuck Kingsbury, St. Ignace; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren.. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clark and Lena (Kenel) Alkire;

brother, Clark Alkire and his wife.

Friends may call at Dodson Funeral Home on Friday, July 1 from 4 to 7:30 pm, with parish prayers at 7:30. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, July 2 at 11 am at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. Cremation will then take place, and his ashes will be interred in Carp River Cemetery next to his wife. Pallbearers will be grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Ignace Hope Chest or the EUP Hospice, with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Howard C, Alkire*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Howard C, Alkire*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Howard C, Alkire*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Howard was a very thoughtful neighbor and friend and was very well thought of here at Charters Cove.*

Pat Smith - July 01, 2011 at 05:21 PM



“ *I am very happy to have met Howard, I have many fond memories of him. He was a very kind man, with many amazing stories to share. My thoughts and prayers go to the entire family. I am sorry I can't be at the funeral.*

Arnie Kinnunen - July 01, 2011 at 03:11 PM

MB

“ Howard meant a lot to not only his family but to all that knew him, we are deeply saddened by his loss, and will miss him very much. Condolences to his family, for he talked about everyone of them with pride.

Mark and Barbara Boshaw - July 01, 2011 at 10:38 AM

KM

“ Mark - so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. What a wonderful life - 94 years! Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts.

Kathy (Campbell) McDowell - July 01, 2011 at 10:13 AM