



James Lauren Irwin

February 20, 1934 - September 24, 2018

James Lauren “Jim” Irwin, age 84, of Rudyard, Michigan, passed away after an extended illness, on September 24. He is preceded in death by his parents Lydia (Altman), father Harold, sister, Shelia, and brother, Dennis. James served in the United States Marines during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he worked construction and helped build the Mackinac Bridge stringing the big cables. He later worked for Kincheloe Airforce Base before retiring from Kinross Correction Facility as head maintenance/carpenter. Jim enjoyed fishing, hunting, and a few ice cold ones. He was the Commander of the VFW in Rudyard for many years and also ran AA classes there later on. In his elder years he was a great fan of Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud, and he never missed a Tigers, Lions, or Red Wings game on TV. He loved to watch the hummingbirds and other critters that came for dinner on his front porch. He married Rosemary Lowetz in 1962, and although later they divorced, they remained good friends throughout life. Together they raised two children, Susan and Phillip (Tracy) Irwin. He is also survived by his sisters, Vivian, Anita, Mary; and brother, Jack and step-grandchildren, David, Johnathon, and Bea. He was a fair and honest man of few words, but great love, and he will be dearly missed by all those he touched throughout his life.

Memorial gathering will be held on Friday, September 28, 2018 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan, with the Memorial Service at 4:00 P.M.

Interment will be at North Ruyard Cemetery, in summer 2019.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the E.U.P., 308 W. 12th Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. "Their gentle and loving care of our father in his last days is forever appreciated."

Obituary by Susan Irwin.

Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



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“ *Our sympathy & deepest condolences to all of the Irwin clan as the eldest son, our Uncle Jim, has gone to join others that passed before him. While Uncle Jim never said a lot you always knew he heard what you were saying by that grin on his face & that sparkle in his eye! Many years ago a conversation about saying 'Uncle' came up. Jim's reply was, "I've worked a long time for that title, don't Ever stop saying it!"*



*You will be missed UNCLE JIM!
Love to you, Susie, Phil Aunt Rosemary & your families!
Shannon & Bobby Bartlett
Kill Devil Hills, NC
Anita's daughter ♡*

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