



Kenneth A. Parkin

September 16, 1933 - October 30, 2011

Kenneth Arnold Parkin, age 78, of DeTour, Michigan passed away Sunday evening, October 30, 2011 at War Memorial Hospital. Kenneth was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on September 16, 1933. He graduated from Sault High School with the class of 1951 and as soon as he turned 18 years old he joined the United States Coast Guard. During his 28 years of service, he was stationed in many places, some of which were: New Jersey, Texas, California, New York, and Greenland. In 1979, he retired as a Lieutenant Commander. Kenneth loved reading and electronic of all types. He made string art using wire and some of his woodworking projects included a roll top desk and several TV's. Kenneth is survived by his second wife: Mary Jane Parkin, whom he married on September 11, 2006; two sisters: Carol Steel of DeTour, MI and Donna (James) Parkin-Wells of Tampa, FL; a brother: Mark Carney of DeTour, MI; five step-children: Pete (Kathy) Griffin of Juno, AK, Terrie Milligan of Hessel, MI, Dennis VerSluis of Kalamazoo, MI, Mary Beth VerSluis of Kalamazoo, MI, and Stephen VerSluis of Jacksonville, FL; three step-grandchildren: Meg Griffin, Pete Griffin III, and Rhianna Milligan; and four nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Arnold and Ada (Willis) Parkin; and his first wife: Aldyth Steel-Parkin. No public services will be held at this time. A memorial luncheon will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary,
I was very saddened to read of Kenneth's passing. He will be missed. I will always remember all of the goods visits that we shared at the shop over the years. I hope all is well with you. You have been in my thoughts.
Take care,
Sincerely Kelly Savoie*

Kelly Savoie - November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences go out to the family of Kenneth Parkins. My Dad (Clyde Willis) was Aunt Ada's brother.*

Carol Willis - November 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM