



Lawrence "Sonny" McLean

August 2, 1928 - March 11, 2016

Lawrence "Sonny" McLean, age 87, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Friday evening, March 11, 2016 at the Hospice of the EUP - Hospice House. Sonny was born on August 2, 1928, in Newberry, Michigan, the son of the late Hugh and Thelma (Williams) McLean. On October 11, 1952, he married Patricia Sams at the Salvation Army Church in Sault Ste. Marie. Sonny worked as a lumberjack in his youth, later he worked for Joe Poglese and Son Excavating; still later he was a fireman for the Cadillac Lumber Company. The job Sonny retired from after 33 years of service was Frost Moving and Storage, which was a division of Allied Van Lines. After retirement, he worked for Osborn Dairy. Sonny was a very social person. He enjoyed people and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed farming, gardening, hunting, and camping. Sonny was a member of the Salvation Army. Sonny is survived by his wife: Patricia McLean; a son: Gerald "Jerry" McLean of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; two daughters: Helen (Virgil) McPhearson of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Wanita (Bob) Turley of Brimley, MI; five grandchildren: Justin, Jeremy, Ashley, Lindsay, and Rachel; and seven great grandchildren: James, Jerstin, Lydia, Damien, Harper, Jocelyn, and Lilly. He is also survived by five sisters: Joyce (Tom) Sauro, Alma Quinn, Wilma (Ralph) Vert, and Ellen Lehre all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Bonnie (Cal) Vert of Sterling Heights, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, a granddaughter: Heather McPhearson Thompson; a brother: Wallace McLean; and a sister: Margaret LaLonde. A visitation will be held from 4:00 until 7:00

PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Immediately following the visitation a funeral service will be held with Captains Dan and Amy Voss officiating. Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Hospice of the EUP or the Salvation Army.

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Dear Pat, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Sonny! I just saw the obituary and was quite shocked to see of his promotion to Glory! I know he will be sorely missed with his quiet spirit waiting patiently for us to finish Songsters. He was such a good man and such an example of a godly man. Love Belinda & Tom

Belinda Riggs - March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Sending many blessings to a wonderful church family. Sonny's Smile n Big Hugs will be missed. I love that shiny bald head. God has taken another wonderful Angel to his Heavenly home. May God Bless your family Always. Love and Bessings, Brenda Perry, Mike Doud, and Dianne House

Brenda Perry - March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ To a wonderful man, who always had a smile on his face! I would like to thank you for helping my husband become the man he is. He has said, more than a few times, that you were more than a father to him, you gave him guidance and the drive to be all that he could be. Elmer often talks about the summers he spent with you and aunt Pat on the farm with love and admiration. He may not have showed it to you lately, but he hopes you will always know that you both have a special place in his heart.

Elmer and Elaine Lehre - March 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ We are sorry for your loss. Your dad brought so many happy moments to your life and left you with a treasure trove of memories. I know you will never be able to forget him. We are praying for you in this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace. I hope so much you can find peace in the memories Wanita. I pray for you and your family.

Reuben and Nora Kamper - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of Sonny's passing, I trust you will all feel God's comfort during this time of sorrow...

Bill Coleman - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I have such great memories as a child running around on Riverside Drive I will remember Sonny's smile forever! I am sorry for your loss and wish you comfort in the days that follow

Sheri Laaksonen - March 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Love you Uncle Sonny may you rest in peace.

Lori Desormeau - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Dear Pat: I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Elaine (Mitchell) Wojciechoski

Elaine Wojciechoski - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I am so sad to hear the passing of a awesome husband,father,uncle and he wears many more hats.. A very kind and loving man, he is like another dad to me.. I will miss your hugs and your smile.Hugs to Helen,Jerry and Nita and Aunt Pat. May you all feel gods love at this time and always... With out a doubt we know god greeted him with open arms and he is fully healed no more pain and suffering.. He will live in my heart forever Love you all Ruthann

Ruthann Bellerive Payment - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Sonny always had a smile and brought life into any conversation. He will be missed

Daniel White - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry for your loss, he had a great life and was loved by all.

Michelle Beaudry - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of sonnys passing ..But do know he is rejoicing with God right at this moment..God be with you pat & all the family...

Joanne LaPonsie - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ We will miss you, Pops!! Please give my love to my Mom and Dad. Love you!! Sending love to Mom (Pat) and the family.

Rick and Nancy White - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Aunt Pat and family. We will Uncle Sonny lots. It makes it a little easier knowing he is with dad now.plus his granddaughter. Love you lots.

Bill and Cheryl Harvey - March 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM