



Leo John Stelmasek

January 30, 2020

Leo John Stelmasek, 82 of Rudyard, passed away Thursday evening, January 30 at his son's home in St. Ignace. He was born February 8, 1937 in Detroit Michigan to Walter and Leona (Trepczynski) Stelmaszek. Leo served his country in the National Guard for six years. His first career was as a tool and die machinist for the automotive industry in Detroit. During this time he also earned his Journeyman's Card. In 1969 Leo moved his family to the Northern Lower Peninsula, away from the city atmosphere in Detroit. In 1971 Leo began his second career working for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He moved again in 1975 to Skandia where he worked at the Marquette State Prison while earning his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Michigan University. In 1978 Leo transferred to the Kinross Correctional Facility on the former Kinchloe AFB. He retired from the Corrections Department after 23 years of service in 1994. After retiring he opened and ran a bakery in Rudyard for three years, carrying on the family tradition of owning a bakery which was started by his great-grandfather. Leo loved to hunt and fish, hunting even this year after becoming ill. He was an active member on the KCF Shooting Team before he retired, worked with the local Boy Scouts for years as a Troop Leader, and was an active member of St. Joseph's Church in Rudyard.

But what Leo valued most was his family. He is survived by his wife of 61 years Patricia (Twohey), his daughter and her husband, Kathleen and Josef Keim of Allen Texas, his son and his wife, Michael and Sarah Stelmaszek of St. Ignace, seven grandchildren, Andrew, Nicholas, Thomas, Caroline, Elaine, Kassandra, and Leo, and four great-grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 7 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rudyard at 2:00 p.m. with Fr. Frank Ricca, Fr. Tim Hruska, and Fr. Dan Zaloga officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 1:00-2:00 p.m. preceding the funeral. Burial will be in the North Rudyard Catholic Cemetery at a future date.

Dodson Funeral Home in St. Ignace assisted the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be entered at www.dodsonfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Leo John Stelmasek*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Leo John Stelmasek*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Leo John Stelmasek*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *My cousin Leo was a true Stelmaszek and loved to debate. He and my brother Paul wrote the family history. I will miss him.*

AnneMarie Armstrong - February 05, 2020 at 05:24 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I always enjoyed Leo's visit to Cup of the Day in Sault Ste. Marie.*

Anthony Stackpoole - February 03, 2020 at 06:36 PM