



Lyle Erman Jenks

June 17, 1932 - March 22, 2024

Lyle Erman Jenks, age 91 of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away Friday, March 22, 2024 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born in Pickford, Michigan, on June 17, 1932 to parents Erman and Margaret “Cassie” (Crawford) Jenks.

Lyle was a life-long resident of Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault High. He met his wife of 59 years, Vera Mae Beacom, on a blind date arranged by his good friend Bert McKiddie. Lyle and Vera were married on April 11, 1953 at the Pickford United Methodist Church. Lyle served overseas in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War. Once he returned home, Lyle went to work for the City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Street Department, initially shoveling snow off of the city’s sidewalks and bridges. Lyle worked for the city for 42 years, eventually retiring as the City Street Superintendent.

For many years, Lyle was a part of the I-500 Snowmobile Race Committee. He and Vera were long-time members of the First Baptist Church of Sault Ste. Marie, and he later attended Rosedale Community Church. Lyle also enjoyed volunteering at the Cedarville Post Thrift Store in Cedarville, Michigan.

Lyle loved spending time with his family and friends and regularly attended his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's sporting events and livestock shows.

He also enjoyed playing golf, fishing, mowing grass on his lawn tractor and doing word-search puzzles while watching old Westerns on TV. On Saturday afternoons, Lyle also enjoyed listening to the live music of the Pickford Pickers. After retirement, Lyle and Vera spent the summers at their cabin in Cedarville. During November, he spent every deer season at hunting camp, The Happy Hour, south of Pickford.

Lyle is survived by his daughters: Cheri Shagena and Lori (James) Campbell, both of Pickford; grandchildren: Cheri (Ben) Bush, James "Big Jim" Campbell, Chrissy Campbell, Jeffrey Shagena, Jennifer (Ronnie) Mota, and Pam Jenks; great-grandchildren: Matthew Bush, Laura Bush, Dylan Jorgensen, Melanie Jorgensen, Sorelle Mota, Azaryah Mota, Zoe Mota, Kingsley Mota, Tadashi Mota, Daniel Mota, and Brayden Butler. Lyle is also survived by his sister, Helen Jenks, of Sault Ste. Marie.

Lyle was preceded in death by his wife, Vera; son, Dennis; parents, Erman and Cassie; and sisters, Dorothy Ferguson, Isabelle Alexander, and Barbara Kinghorn.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday April 6, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM with a Funeral Service will follow at 3:00 PM at Family Life Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan.

A Graveside Service will be held after the funeral at Cottle Cemetery in Pickford, followed by a gathering at the Pickford Global Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Cemetery Details

Cottle Cemetery

5431 E Townline Road
Pickford, MI 49774

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Graveside Service

APR 6. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SB

“ *Cheri, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I never had the chance to meet him, but have heard great stories from Donna. Prayers for you and your family.*
Susan Ball



Susan Ball - April 04, 2024 at 05:31 PM

DJ

“ *Dear Cheri, Lori and families:
Our deepest sympathy is with you all. May fond memories stay alive in your hearts.*
Love, Donna and Wendell Johnson

Donna M Johnson - March 31, 2024 at 03:40 PM

CA

“ *Cheri, Lori and families, our condolences on the loss of Lyle. He was a special friend to our Dad and they shared lots of great times together at Camp. It was great to see your him at our Dad's memorial in 2021. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies.*

The Family of Gary Artley

Chris Artley - March 30, 2024 at 04:01 PM

PN

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Peggy Green niece - March 30, 2024 at 09:28 AM

PN

Uncle Lyle you where amazing you will be missed by so many as you where loved by so many RIP was so happy to have been able to see you when I was last home ❤️

Peggy Green niece - March 30, 2024 at 09:31 AM

NG

“ can only say wonderful things about this man. I admired him greatly. It was a priviledge to know him and to have him on our work team. God Bless

neal godby - March 28, 2024 at 03:10 PM

PP

My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you, Helen, and to the rest of the family in the loss of your dear family member.

Phyllis Pehrson - March 30, 2024 at 07:07 PM