



Maurice Wesley Leese

April 27, 1922 - March 25, 2018

Maurice Wesley Leese, age 95, of Goetzville, Michigan, died on March 25, 2018 in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born on April 27, 1922 in Rochester, Michigan to Herman Bernerd and Bertha Maude (Bodey) Leese.

Maurice grew up in the thumb area of Michigan and moved to Wolverine, Michigan in 1936. He graduated from Wolverine High School. He joined the Army Air Corp in 1942 and was an armored gunner on a B17 plane in Europe. After his return he worked at the livestock yard as a weighmaster. He married Marie A. Reeves on July 6, 1952 in Gaylord, Michigan. They raised four children while Maurice worked as an electrical lineman for several different contractors including the electrical work on the Mackinac Bridge. He retired in 1984 after over 30 years of work. They moved to the Eastern Upper Peninsula in 1993 and made Goetzville their home.

Maurice was a 68 year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local #876.

Maurice loved being outdoors; farming, hunting, and vegetable gardening. He enjoyed model trains and watching any kind of baseball.

Maurice is survived by his daughters, Rhonda (Kevin) Ford of Wolverine, Kayla (Dan) Jones of Gaylord; son, Gordon (Linda) Leese of Pickford,

Michigan; daughter-in-law, Denise Leese of Wolverine; grandchildren, Joshua, Tierra, Tasha, Jodie, Adam, Karla, Leesa, Bradley, Caroline, Valerie, Kristol, Danielle, Daryl, Derrick, and Melissa; great-grandchildren, Blaise, Brooklyn, Easton, Morgan, Victoria, Logan, Steven, Shawn, Adler, Audrie, Veronika, Colette, Natasha, Brandon, Xandra, Kade, Hali, Ty, Brayden, Taylor, Rialyn, Wesley, Elexandrya, and Aspyn; great-great grandsons, Blake, Bridynn, Baylor, Aiden, and Dominic; brothers, Herman (Marie) Leese of Bear Lake, Michigan, Charles (Pat) Leese of Boyne City, Michigan; sisters, Wilma Higley of Caro, Michigan, Charlotte Wolf of Alanson, Michigan, Gwendolyn Smith of Wolverine, Rachel (Bill) Marcotte of Wolverine, Carrie Jean Etts of Wolverine; and brother-in-law, George Arnold (Marilyn) Reeves of Wolverine.

Maurice was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Leese; son, Randolph Leese; infant brother, Roger Leese; sister, Vera (Bernerd) Horn; brothers-in-law, Louie Higley, Earl Wolf, Abner Smith, Floyd "Ed" Reeves; and sister-in-law, Florence Clementson.

Visitation will be held on March 30, 2018 from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan. Funeral service is to follow at 2:00 P.M.

Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery, in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made Payable to the Raber Township Hall, P.O. Box 208, Goetzville, MI 49736, Memo: Senior Dinners/Meals on Wheels.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 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

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Maurice Wesley Leese

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Maurice Wesley Leese

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Maurice Wesley Leese

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Gordy Linda and family---I had hoped to make the funeral but unable to make it... Your dad was a great man and one I am glad I knew.....may you find comfort at this time and as a family remember all the memories so He is constantly with you.....Judy and Gary Klop

Gary Klop - March 30, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ Gordon and Linda,

So sorry for your loss. Glad you had the time with him so close this last little while. I know you and your family will miss him. He won't have to miss driving now.

Martha Carlin (Drummond Is)

Martha Carlin - March 28, 2018 at 07:46 PM

AC

“ Grandpa will definately be missed' he did have a great life though

Aspyn Cottle - March 28, 2018 at 01:16 PM

SB

“ He will definitely be missed. I can't make the funeral but just know that you're in my heart and my prayers love you all Susie

Susie Hugely Brickey - March 28, 2018 at 03:51 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Maurice Wesley Leese.



March 27, 2018 at 11:39 AM

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“ IM SO SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER, GORDON AND LINDA. YOUR DAD CERTAINLY WAS BLESSED WITH A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE!

Uncle Bob & Aunt Anne - March 27, 2018 at 06:55 AM