



Max M. Mackie

November 6, 1926 - July 7, 2012

Max Martin Mackie, age 85, of Rudyard, Michigan passed away unexpectedly Saturday evening, July 7, 2012 due to an accident. Max was born on November 6, 1926 in Rudyard, Michigan, the son of the late John and Johanna (Hendrickson) Mackie. He graduated from Rudyard High School with the class of 1945. He received his Bachelor's degree in engineering from Michigan Tech. Max served as an air craft mechanic with the United States Army Air Corps during WWII and was stationed in the Philippines. After college, Max worked for Edison Sault Electric before going back to school for his teaching certificate. Max taught Physics, Chemistry and Math at Rudyard Area Schools. He spent two summers in South America (Peru and Columbia) distributing Christian literature, and many more summers in Finland working at a Christian Camp. In September 21, 1969 Max married Anja Salminen in Jamsa, Finland. Later, Max worked for the Army Corp of Engineers, retiring in 1996. In 1996 and 1997, he spent time in Siberia helping spread the gospel in remote villages by boat, bringing bible lessons and literature to their libraries. Max was a former board member of Child Evangelism Fellowship at both the local and State level. He was a member of Rudyard Bible Church and attended Grace Christian Fellowship. Max loved to fill his days with reading, mechanical tinkering, bike riding, and singing. Max is survived by his wife: Anja Mackie of Rudyard, MI; two sons: Jonathan (Valynda) Mackie of Manistique, MI and Mark Mackie of Silverton, CO; three grandchildren: Hannah, Jacob, and Olivia Mackie; two nieces: Debbie (Gary) Shelp of

California and Sheryl (Harry) Wills of Washington; a nephew: Arnie Mackie of California; and a sister-in-law: Ann Mackie. Max was preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Hugo Mackie. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at Rudyard Bible Church with Pastor Leroy Case and Pastor Steven McKenzie officiating. Friends may gather at the Church from 12:00 noon until the time of the service. Burial will be at Kinross Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to CEF.

Tribute Wall

LN

“ Dear Anja and family, I am so sad to hear of the loss of Max. At the same time I smile to think of him and dad together now. Max is one of the most inspiring persons I have met as are you. I pray that I can live my life as positively as he did. Mom and Dad cherished your friendship. Love and prayers

Loreen Case (Nettleton) - July 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ I had the pleasure of working with Max at the Corps of Engineers, and sharing visits every so often in the years following our retirement. Max was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. I will remember him fondly in the years to come.

Donald Erfourth - July 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Max certainly exemplified the Apostle Paul's words "For to me to live is Christ, to die is gain." The address? Philippians 1:21.

Max was like a father to the two of us; providing parental guidance, sharing earthly blessings, spending late evenings together to hear and learn more from God's eternal word, and always, always praying with us and for us. Oh...how we will miss Max!!

Please Heavenly Father, comfort the hearts of all who's lives were intertwined with this Godly man, more especially Anja, John, Mark, and Papa's little ones, Hanna, JT, and Livy. Thank you for the opportunity for such a friendship and grant that we, too, will open our mouths to boldly proclaim your truth. Like with Max, we pray you will fill us with your Holy Spirit, also, to the purpose that we will glorify and honour you. Amen

Charles & Wendy Routhier - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Anya and family: I'm late expressing condolences, and although my prayers are with you, I know you share as strong a faith as Max had for most of his life. Although it's sad when someone we love leaves this world, in Max's death there is also the joy in knowing that for him "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." God's blessings to you all. Love from Cousin Judy

Judith Kreiger - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dearest Aunt Anja & Family,
We were sad to hear about Max. We all have such wonderful memories of Max that we will cherish forever! We will miss Max's letters he sent to us. We already know that Max has heard from God, "well done my good and faithful servant"!!

Debbie, Gary, & Ryan Shelp & Arnie Mackie - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sad this day. I have so many good memories of my Uncle Max. I will never forget we took a tour of the Soo Locks and had long talks about life and things.
He came out to California and spent some time with me. He is in Heaven with my Dad.

Sheryl Mackie - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *To Anja & Family,
We were so saddened to hear of Max's accident. He was such a nice man and a good friend.
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
With Our Sincerest Sympathy,
Joe & Ruth Randazzo*

Joe & Ruth Randazzo - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *We're thinking of you at this sad time but know you'll draw comfort & strength from your Faith. Jay(my brother) & I missed the opportunity to get to know cousin Max--& Anja,the boys--better. My daughter Katelyn fortunately visited at least twice as a child with her grandma Fay(daughter of Ida Marie...Johanna's sister). Please know that we would be joining you now except for my husband's poor health prohibiting time away.*

Jill O. Steinig - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Anja and Family,*

We were saddened to hear of Max's passing. You showed us such Hospitality, for cousins that you hadn't seen in years, when we visited several years ago. We enjoyed hearing all the family stories. We appreciated that greatly. You all are in our prayers and thoughts.

Our Deepest Sympathies,

Randy, Joyce, Alexis and Kai Bass

Joyce Kujala Bass - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ My deepest sympathies and condolences to all of Max's closest loved ones. I am a fairly distant cousin--at least geographically, but Max always loomed large in my Grandfather's house. I will never forget my Grandma Lempi telling us of the numerous activities and exploits of Max throughout the world and all of the good he was doing.

I was also fascinated to see that I am NOT the first from the family to have visited Colombia... Max beat me by several decades.

I likely only met him two or three times as a very young child, but Max was always a beacon that the entire family looked to for inspiration. Max was and remains a shining example that all men should emulate.

With the deepest sympathy, your cousin,

Scott

Scott Kirtley - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Anja and family,

Deepest sympathy on the loss of Max, my first cousin. Our family's memories of this remarkable man are warm and positive. Max is best remembered for his Christian faith, joyfulness, energy, and for how he reached out to others. What a blessing he was to our family and to others whose lives he touched.

Jackie (Kauppinen) Winkowski - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ Anja, Our hearts are with you at this time. Who would have thought the Lord would take Max so soon after Barney and under such circumstances? We know that God has a perfect plan and His plan is always for more souls for His Kingdom, as it was also the desire of Max.
May God continue to comfort you and your family and our prayers are with you.

Floyd and Karen Lamoreaux - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Anja,
I was so shocked to hear about Max. I have done nothing but think about you since this happened. You and Max have been such great friends ever since I have known Barney and having Bible studies or dinner at his house. Even the times going hunting in the hardwoods when Barney had his cabin up there. Max would join us at times. Please know our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May God comfort you broken heart and peace of mind during your loss. May your family also feel the Lords comfort at this time. We are here if you need us.
In Christ Always,
Glenn and Deborah Smale

Deborah and Glenn Smale - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOUR FAMILY.
MAY GOD SURROUND YOU AT THIS TIME AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

TOM & VAL LAWLOR - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayer are with your family at this difficult time.
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John & Eila Williams - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM