



## Nicholas Toruk

July 11, 1925 - January 1, 2015

Nicholas Toruk, age 89, of Cedarville, Michigan, died Thursday, January 1, 2015 in St. Ignace, Michigan. He was born July 11, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan, to Nicholas and Julia (Choka) Toruk.

Nicholas grew up in Melvindale, Michigan. He served in the United States Army during World War II. Nicholas graduated from the University of Detroit and worked as an engineer for General Motors for 30 years. At age 34, Nicholas was granted a patent for the circuit controller used to manipulate power seats in automobiles. He retired to Cedarville in 1985 and built his home on property he owned since 1969.

Nicholas enjoyed boating, fishing, traveling, snowmobiling, and spending time at the casino. He owned a 46' boat that he lived on for several weeks each summer.

Nicholas is survived by his wife, Dorothy, whom he married April 9, 1983; daughters, Elizabeth (Jim) Pinkowski of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Suzanne Toruk of Mooresville, North Carolina; and step-children, Karen Whitmore and Diane (Darryl) Hedblad of Emmett, Michigan, Kenneth (Margie) Simmons of California, and Robert (Patty) Simmons of Rockledge, Florida; grandchildren, Catherine, Michael, Kaitlyn, Danny, Matt, Stacey, Andrea, April, and Chelsea; and a great grandson, Henry.

Nicholas was preceded in death by his step-son, Ronald Simmons.

Inurnment will be in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan with full military honors.

# Cemetery Details

## **Great Lakes National Cemetery**

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nicholas Toruk*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Nicholas Toruk*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Nicholas Toruk*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

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“ Dorothy, Liz and Suzy,

*I'm so sorry to learn of Uncle Nick's passing. I believe Aunt Julia's funeral was the last time I saw him. I was trying to find his phone number to let him know that his cousin Helen passed away last week. She was 88 years old, and lived a solitary life. My dad, Ed, passed away in 1999, and Nick's other two cousins – Violet and Joe – are both in facilities for dementia or Alzheimer's patients.*

*Uncle Nick was an encouragement to me when I first began working at General Motors. He guided me to pursue my coop experience at the Tech Center where he worked, and I'm really glad I followed his advice. It has led to the job I am in today! Though we didn't see each other often, he was always so pleasant and friendly. It looks like you and Nick were able to enjoy many special years in Cedarville, Dorothy.*

*Best wishes to you all, and again, I am very sorry for your loss.*

*With love and fond memories,*

*Wendy (Choka) MacLennan*

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**Wendy MacLennan** - March 08, 2015 at 08:12 PM

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“ *I've know Nick and his family for over 43 years. Nick was a customer and friend, Wayne and me watched his girls grow up as he watched our family do the same. Nick loved boating and his boat SeaScape. He enjoyed taking family and friends out for a day or even a couple of weeks. Hope you girls remember our North Channel trip. I will miss Nick, but know that he's talking boating with Wayne.*

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**Joanne Honnila** - January 06, 2015 at 10:00 AM