



## Orville Hugh Nutkins

September 19, 1930 - November 18, 2021

Orville Hugh Nutkins, age 91, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at Medilodge Lodge in the Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Orville was born in Detroit on September 19, 1930, to Edgar and Mina Nutkins. He had two siblings, Beatrice Bishop and Edgar Nutkins.

He grew up in Holland, MI, and moved to the Dafter area where the family worked a farm. He graduated from Soo high where he met the love of his life, Hazel Alexander. They became engaged before he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean conflict where he served as a bridge builder. He often spoke what a blessing going into the service was, it gave him direction and provided him with the GI bill.

He married Hazel on May 1, 1954, in Sault MI and started a family. Dad took advantage of the GI bill and with sacrifice and hard work on both mom and dad's part, graduated from Michigan Technology in Houghton, MI and started his career, working for the United States Army as a civilian in the Department of Defense for 30 years in several locations including two tours in Germany. He enjoyed hunting with friends and family, fishing, woodworking, traveling (but he hated to fly) and his old Cadillac collection.

He loved the being with his family and served Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was passionate about his belief in the Lord. Both he and mom enjoyed teaching and sharing God's word.

Orville is survived by his children: Susan (James) McLeod, Joan (Michael) Ojala, and Amy Dalsky (Tom Goebel), all of the Sault Ste. Marie; as well as 10

grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

To our Medilodge family thank you for all your love and support through the years. Orville loved you all.

A memorial service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may gather that same day from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Masonic lodge will lead the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Alzheimer's Association or Hospice of the EUP.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Orville and Hazel were always a delight to visit with as customers of Frank's Place when I had it or anywhere else I ran into them, they made us feel like our motto to make you feel at home was working. Orville's sense of humor was never wasted on me or my daughters and we knew he loved it when we dished it back at him.....a great couple who raised a great family and extended family ....I know there final "Welcome home" had to be glorious ....The sun is shining so bright today for you all ...

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**Marta LaLonde** - November 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susie, Joan & Amy,

*We want to send you our condolences on the passing of your father, our beloved "Uncle Orie". As a young man a long way away from home attending college your mom and dad were a second set of parents for me at their home in St. Clair Shores. As I recall there was a young lady that drew me to that city and I spent quite a bit of time at their home. They went out of the way to make me feel at home and I fondly remember spending time with them.*

*I decided to ask the young lady to be my bride (45 years ago). Being a good Presbyterian young man and she, a good Catholic girl was a difficulty for her parents and provided a challenge to us getting married. Uncle Orie gave us wise counsel and graciously made an appointment with his Presbyterian pastor to see if he could help us with this dilemma. His pastor referred us to his friend, a Catholic priest. He was able to guide us to a better understanding of our different faiths and ultimately married us which made her parents quite happy and me even happier.*

*I had lots of conversations with Uncle Orie on those many weekends and I respected his advice and opinions. He was like my dad away from home. He even looked a lot like my dad. Imagine that, brothers that looked like each other. I always appreciated the openness, kindness and attention he showed me in that relationship.*

*I'm sorry for your loss and want you to know it is our loss as well. Please accept our sympathies in this difficult time. We will be unable to be there for his funeral service as we will be in Texas for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will give thanks however, for your dad, our friend, and our Uncle Orie.*

*Blessings,*

*Curt & Debbie Nutkins*

*Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer; from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Psalm 61:1-2a*

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**Curt & Deborah Nutkins** - November 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“Orville was such a good hearted man. I enjoyed our many talks during my time at Medilodge. Fly high Orville, you and Hazel are greatly missed. Our condolences Sue, Jim, Amy, Tom, Joan and family.  
-Alicia Henderson & Dan Owaski



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**Alicia and Dan Owaski** - November 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM