



Paul Raymond Laplander

April 3, 1924 - October 22, 2010

Paul Raymond Laplander, age 86, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Friday morning, October 22, 2010 at War Memorial Hospital. Paul was born on April 3, 1924 in Dollar Bay, Michigan, the son of the late Emil and Mary (Olsen) Laplander. Paul proudly served his country in the United States Army during WW II. Most of Paul's service time was spent in China, Burma, and India where one of his many duties was driving supply truck over the Burma Road. On November 11, 1947, he married Esther Messer in Burnips, Michigan. Marrying Esther was a double blessing to Paul because in addition to a loving and devoted wife it gave him yet another family to love and cherish. Paul was no ordinary man. Kind, loving and generous to a fault, he held his friendships close to his heart and treasured his family above all else. Paul loved to sing, using his voice to worship the Lord. He sang in several church choirs, was a member of the Mary Wood Community Chorus and soloed in several churches in the area. Paul worked long hard hours to provide for his family, driving an oil transport truck, delivering home heating fuel and managing the Sault branch of McGregor Oil Company. He was a member of the Messer/McGahey/Routhier VFW Post #9023 and the Sault Wesleyan Church. Paul love to be outdoors, even in the winter if just to shovel the walk. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and being in the woods. If there were blueberries to pick, all the better. Paul is survived by his wife: Esther Laplander; a son: Kurt (Laura)Laplander of Claremont, MN; a daughter: Jill (Don) Mort of Ouray, CO; two grandsons: Joshua and Justin Laplander; two

sisters: Margaret (Ray) Hoskings of Escanaba, MI and Martha (Howard) Maddox of Westminster, CO; and a brother: Jimmy (Loretta) Laplander of Dollar Bay, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Bill, Rick, and Bob; and three sisters: Ruth, Ollie, and Julia. Visitation will be held from 5:00 until 8:00 PM on Monday, October 25, 2010 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at the funeral home with Pastor Chad McDonald officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery. Memorials may be left to the Wesleyan Church building fund or Chippewa County Home Health and Hospice.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Paul voice booming out old hymn in the Wesleyan Church. My prayers are with you.

Alan McGahey - December 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I was saddened to hear about Paul's passing. He sang at a special event in my past...and I'll always remember his beautiful voice.

My sympathies to his family and loved ones.

Lori Tomkinson - October 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I had the good fortune of meeting Paul and Esther some 25 years ago when Jill came to live at my home during her student teaching at Western Michigan University.

I never forgot her father's perseverance against constant pain that never left him as well as this deepest voice that just didn't seem to go with his outward appearance. Both were signs of his great strength.

But what I remember most was his devoted love for his wife and particularly 'his' Jill. Theirs was a relationship to envy.

I know that Paul is with his God and the rest of his family that preceded him. I know that he was and always will be so very proud of his daughter. My prayers and love are with you all. Deb

Deb Small - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *My deepest sympathies, My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Terry Holland - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *"Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving and extol Him with*

MUSIC and SONG". -Psalm 95:2

There you are Uncle Paul, in heaven singing to the Lord God Almighty. I will be joining you in that heavenly choir some day. Save me a seat OK!

*Aunt Esther, Kurt, Jill and the grandkids: Those of us who loved your husband, dad, and grandfather share your grief over not having his earthly presence. Tears and sadness help us cope with deep sorrow, but think of the legacy he left behind. Everyone loved this incredible man .We are all better people for knowing and loving him. Right now he is rejoicing as he is reunited with his beloved family already in heaven, and he is waiting for all of you to join him. God bless you in the days ahead as you try to carry on.
Love you, Peggy and David Treloar*

Peggy and David Treloar - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ *Esther, Kurt, & Jill,*

You have my deepest sympathies. Algonquin will not be the same without Paul tending to the yard and walking down 14th. I am not living there any longer - but growing up in Algonquin and having your family as apart of my memory will live on. Blessings and prayers to you all.

Jeannie (Atkins) O'Connor - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Our sympathies and prayers are with you. May the Lord minister to you in ways that humans cannot.

*Peace,
The Treloars of Savannah
David, Lisa, & Libby*

David Treloar - October 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our daughter Esther called today from our home in the Sault to tell us of Paul's death. We are presently visiting our son Andy and his family in northern Wisconsin. We have been removed from the 14th Street address since 1971 BUT still have fond memories of that location. We all must go thru death some day but nice to have Jesus as your shepherd when that time comes.

John and Glenda Wallis - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ We sang together for the last time a few weeks ago, in Long Term Care. Paul has now joined Mary Wood and the chorus members already in heaven. Those of us who are still here will miss Paul's gentle sense of humor and wonderful smile.

Kay Lawrence - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ So very sorry for your loss. I remember Paul from all of the family events at my cousins' (Nick and Mindy); he was such a nice man.

Nikki (Poliski) & Rick Kessinger

Nikki Kessinger - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of a great neighbor, and dear friend Paul. So many great memories of growing up on Foss Hill, gardens, fixing up homes, football & baseball games @ Laplanders. Know that Esther, Jill, and Kurt you are in our prayers, and Paul is home with our Lord, and old friends. John Sawruk

john sawruk - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Auntie Esther, Kurt and Jill, you are in my heart and my prayers for God's peace and comfort to be with you during this sad time. Uncle Paul was truly a great man and so loved. I'm thankful to have been able to speak with him on the phone a few months ago and to tell him I love him. Sending my love to you all, your niece and cousin, Susie.

Susie Jokie Hill - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Aunt Esther, Kurt and Jill:

My prayers and thoughts are with you, and my deepest sympathy in your loss of Uncle Paul. God's blessings on you and I will continue to pray for His healing presence to surround you.

*Much love,
Bob and Paula (Nurkkala) Feland, Justin, Julia and Joshua.*

Paula Nurkkala Feland - October 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM