



Reuben Henry Ojala

March 3, 1927 - October 17, 2017

Reuben Henry Ojala, age 90, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at his home.

Reuben was born on March 3, 1927, in Rudyard, Michigan to the late Reuben S. and Alma (Nivala) Ojala. Reuben was a graduate of Brimley High School.

He served his country in the United States Navy at the end of WWII. His task was discharging other sailors and eventually himself. He worked for Ford Motor Company retiring as a chief inspector after 36 years of service. On April 23, 1960, he married Betty Stockwell in Dearborn, Michigan. After many years of night classes, he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Michigan Tech - Sault Ste. Marie. Reuben was an avid fisherman. Reuben loved being at the family farm in Brimley. He enjoyed hunting and would travel west to do so. He also traveled to Finland in 2011 to visit with distant family and to Alaska in 2013 a place he always wanted to explore. He also enjoyed Laker Hockey. He attended Brimley Congregational Church. Reuben won the Golden Hammer Award for his dedicated service with Habitat for Humanity. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family, from his brothers and sisters down to his youngest great grandbaby.

Reuben is survived by his wife: Betty (Stockwell) Ojala; his son: Rick (Cindy) Ojala of Brimley, MI; three grandchildren: Richard Preston (Jenny) Ojala, Rachel (Karl) Anderson and Steven Eric (Cathy) Ojala; and five great-

grandchildren: Tamsen, Gavin, and Quinn Ojala, and Ellie Margaret and Henry Anderson. He is also survived by his siblings: Margaret Mathews of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, and Mildred Upchurch of Leesburg, FL, Gladys (Jim) McKiddie of Brimley, MI, Clarence (Mary) Ojala of Grayling, MI, and Stan Ojala of Portage, MI.

Reuben was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings: Cecil Ojala, Gloria Cottle, and Eleanor Ojala.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Entombment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to Carenet Pregnancy Center.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rick, Cindy and Family, So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Pat & Diana Wilson - October 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your family's loss. Prayers going out. I meet him once or twice it was a nice guy. Stan is my step dad that is how I meet him.

Bryan Finks - October 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM