



Rudolph August Sherlund

November 26, 1920 - March 12, 2015

Rudolph August Sherlund, age 94, of Cedarville, Michigan, died peacefully on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at home. He was born November 26, 1920 in Cedarville to Frank August Sherlund and Hilda Elise (Lofdahl) Sherlund.

Rudy was a lifelong resident of Cedarville. He graduated from Cedarville High School with the Class of 1939 which was the first graduating class from the current high school building. In November of 1942, Rudy entered the United States Army Air Force where he served with the 388th Fighter Squadron in Europe during World War II. After his service, Rudy returned to Cedarville where he married Opal Elizabeth Harrison at the Bethel Lutheran Church. They made their home on a farm on Swede Road and started their family. In addition to farming, Rudy worked at Lofdahl Construction and as a truck driver at the Soo Locks and Kincheloe Air Force Base before he purchased a truck and started an excavating business. In 1973, "the boys" joined him and together they continue to operate Rudy Sherlund Excavating.

Rudy was a lifelong member of the Bethel Lutheran Church. He was an active member of the Law-White VFW Post #7958 in Hessel and later the Messer-McGahey-Routhier VFW Post #9023 in Brimley.

Rudy liked to work and to collect antique tools. For many years, he enjoyed spending the winter in Brooksville, Florida.

Rudy is survived by his children, Rosemary (Mark) McPherson, Russell (Susan) Sherlund, and Lyle (Sharon) Sherlund, all of Cedarville, and Beverley (William) Tuori of Dafter, Michigan; son-in-law, Gary Graham of Alpena, Michigan; grandchildren, Jennifer McPherson, Bryan McPherson, Stephanie Tuori, Ben Sherlund, Andrew (Jennifer) Sherlund, Ross (Ashley) Sherlund, Sara (Brad) Schmitz, Jason Sherlund, Tyler Sherlund, Mathew Tuori, Nathan (Nicole) Tuori, Kristan (Chris) Shields, Erin Graham, Lori Graham, and Kevin Graham; great grandchildren, Alex (Holly) Remsing, Talon Behnke, Avery McPherson, Colten Hill, Jager Hill, Maverick Sherlund, Ethan Sherlund, Karsten Schmitz, Graysen Schmitz, Katie Sherlund, Isabell Sherlund, Grace Tuori, Jake Tuori, William Shields, Tori Shields, and Wyatt Shields; one great great grandchild, Lacy Remsing; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Rudy was preceded in death by his wife, Opal in 1974; daughter, Gloria Graham in 2008; grandson, Scott Tuori in 1996; and sister, Astrid Sherlund in 1919.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 19, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. at Bethel Lutheran Church, 271 N. M-129 in Cedarville.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 20, at 11:00 A.M. at Bethel Lutheran Church, with visitation at the church one hour before the service. Pastor Breanne Johnson will conduct the service.

Burial will be later this spring at Edgewood Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bethel Lutheran Church, 271 N. M-129, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road
Cedarville, MI 49719

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church
271 N. M-129
Cedarville, MI 49719

Visitation

MAR 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church
271 N. M-129
Cedarville, MI 49719

Funeral Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church
271 N. M-129
Cedarville, MI 49719

Tribute Wall



“ Rudolph August Sherlund

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Rudolph August Sherlund

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Rudolph August Sherlund

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Rudolph August Sherlund.



March 19, 2015 at 03:11 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of the family.

Charles and Mae Markstrom and family

Mae Markstrom - March 19, 2015 at 12:08 PM

CS

“ *Bill and Bev, Please accept our thoughts and prayers at the passing of your Dad. We know your pain and loss. Bill and Carolyn Suman*

Carolyn Suman - March 19, 2015 at 09:17 AM

SB

“ *Sherlund Family, In loving memory of Uncle Rudy, who will be missed. Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy as you go through this difficult season of sadness. Love and Prayers Dear Cousins!!
Sheila and Gary Berner*

Sheila Berner - March 18, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JG

“ Rudy is my Granddad John Anton Sherlund,s Nephew, born the same year as my Mom. Rudy graduated in 1939 with my Mom & Dad and drove my Dad's Parents new car on their Class trip to the Worlds Fair in New York and on to all the sights of Washington D.C. camping on the way to & from with most of the class. Rudy drove because my Grand Parents trusted Rudy with their new car, not their Son, my Dad. Rudy continued to be my connection to my Mom & Dad long after their passing with stories about their many adventures. I am so fortunate to have had this life long connection with Rudy who taught me many life lessons along with His habit of silent communication without saying a word. I learned what body and eye brow language means as well as the meaning of those long silences. In some of our most recent visits Rudy mentioned my parents and their other class mates all long gone and He said he was ready to go but God must have a reason for keeping Him here , " there must be a reason " I will always wonder along with Rudy. We will all miss Rudy for all our own reasons.

John Griffin - March 17, 2015 at 10:41 PM

KS

“ Karen & Jim Stroh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rudolph August Sherlund.



Karen & Jim Stroh - March 17, 2015 at 06:55 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rudolph August Sherlund.



March 17, 2015 at 11:25 AM

SV

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Les Cheneaux area veterans (from left) Jack Nordquist, Rudy Sherlund, Ray Markstrom, and Charlie Crawford await the arrival of other military veterans before the start of

Sally Vansickle - March 16, 2015 at 08:47 PM

 Cathy Smith

“ So Sorry to hear of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. I didn't know Rudy very well but he always struck me as a kind and gentle man.

Cathy Smith - March 16, 2015 at 03:01 PM

SE

“ To Rosemary: Sounds like he was a great guy. Now I know why you wanted to move to Cedarville. Our sympathy for you and your family. Sandra & Bruce Everett

Sandra Everett - March 16, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rudolph August Sherlund.



March 16, 2015 at 09:42 AM

PH

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Sherlund family. Keeping you in our prayers for your loss of a great fellow. We will remember Rudy for the many times we spent with him having dinner at Raber, visiting Rudy in Brooksville and taking trips to Pine Island in Florida, and and all the he so generously done for us over the many years that we knew him.

Peter & Rosemarie Huta

Peter Huta - March 16, 2015 at 09:30 AM

SP

“ To all my cousins so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone your dad was a great man. I am sorry I can't make it to the funeral I am still in Alabama were Dean is getting cancer treatments but I with you in my thoughts. Spring



Spring - March 15, 2015 at 06:31 PM

GM

“ *TO All the family of Rudy. A Great Guy that will be missed by all. We always had a lot of fun with Rudy. From the Dog House, to Church or going out to eat with him here in Florida. Our Deepest Sympathy to all of you. We will keep you all in our prayers.*

Gary & Elaine Mielke

Gary & Elaine Mielke - March 14, 2015 at 07:40 AM

CB

“ *Dear Family,
Sending my condolence to all of you, this Father, Grandfather,
Great-Grandfather. This Friend will be remembered by our family as
the "Salt of the Earth".A loyal friend, who we enjoyed having coffee
with on Saturday morning, and breaking bread with when we could
get together in Florida.*

*In Friendship,
Carol Brady*

carol brady - March 13, 2015 at 03:02 PM

PH

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of the Sherlund Family.

We were saddened to hear the news of Rudy's passing but glad he is now with the Lord.

We were fortunate to have met him when we were checking the area for a church to belong to. Our first Sunday attending Nativity Lutheran Church, Rudy immediately greeted us and said he was from Michigan, our hometown state, too. We soon became friends of this Scandinavian gentleman and were honored to have him as a friend. He was a wonderful man. He will be sorely missed. We had already missed him this winter but feel fortunate in having had him as a friend. The same good thoughts on meeting the family, as well.

*Sincerely,
Paul and Chris Hyypio*

Paul and Chris Hyypio - March 16, 2015 at 01:52 PM