



Russell J. Holmes

March 1, 1921 - April 23, 2014

Russell was born on March 1, 1921 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Ernest and Elizabeth (Boener) Holmes. Russell spent his early years in Cleveland, OH. At the age of seventeen he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps,, where he was a tool room clerk. Later Russell joined the United States Coast Guard during WWII. While in the military he was trained in diesel repair and was on fire patrol on the Great Lakes. He served three years and three months before receiving an honorable discharge, a good conduct medal, and American Theatre Ribbon. After the war, he worked various jobs: including mechanic, taxi driver, delivery truck driver and factory jobs. He attended Bible Institute in Lakeland, Florida. He also taught Sunday school, and preached in some small churches. Russell enjoyed singing in choirs and even into his 90's he could still reach the high tenor notes. His favorite song was "God Bless America". Russell is survived by his children: Karen (Floyd) Lamoreaux of Pickford, MI, Christine (Jim) Sitton of Montana, and Stephen (Priscilla) Holmes, Bethany (Mike) Lancaster, Timothy (Sugey) Holmes, David (Dian) Holmes, and Lee (Kate) Holmes all of Florida; sixteen grandchildren: Ethan , Matthew, Stephen Jr., Christopher, Keith, Michelle, Jay, Maria, Tamitha, Timothy Jr., Gabriella, Jonathan, Camilla, Joshua, Jessica and Sarah and 10 great grandchildren, with the last great grandchild born one week before his passing. Russell was preceded in death by his parents: Ernest and Elizabeth Holmes, two brothers:, Dale and William Holmes, Two sisters: Evelyn and Eleanor, and a grandson: Jonathan Lamoreaux, Funeral services will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday,

May 24, 2014 at North Hills Baptist Church in Pickford, Michigan with Pastor Floyd Lamoreaux officiating. Friends may call at the Church from 3:00 PM until the time of service. Burial will be held at Simmons Marquette Township cemetery later this spring. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. The church located 5 miles south of Pickford. Take M-129 to Rockview Road (turn right) 2 miles, then turn left at Rockview Cemetery onto Chard Road. The church is ½ mile down on the left side of the road. With questions, please call the church at (906) 379-0790