



Walter Martin Kopinski

September 9, 1917 - November 5, 2017

Walter Martin Kopinski, age 100, of Hessel, Michigan, died Sunday, November 5, 2017, in Petoskey, Michigan. He was born September 9, 1917, in Carlisle, West Virginia, to Albert and Sophia (Polka) Kopinski.

Walter's family moved to the Detroit, Michigan area when he was about five years old, and he graduated from high school in Detroit. He attended the Henry Ford Trade School to learn the tool and die trade. Walter married Nellie Veronica Burkacki on October 5, 1940, in Detroit. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was stationed in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, prepared to invade Japan, when the war ended and he returned home. He and Nellie made their home in St. Clair Shores and Walter worked for Ford Motor Company for 44 years. They retired to Hessel in 1976 to live on property he purchased in 1968 for a place to spend vacations.

Walter was a member of Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel and the American Legion Post #62 in St. Ignace.

Walter loved working with wood and made many pieces of furniture and grandfather clocks. He also enjoyed archery and was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan.

Water is survived by one daughter, Judith Carol (Joseph) Parisi of Gladwin,

Michigan and Port St. Lucie, Florida; son, Martin Walter (Carol) Kopinski of Hessel, Michigan and Hernando, Florida; grandchildren, Deborah (Andrew) Ives, Marianne (Jim) Vinette, Matthew (Kristie) Kopinski, Katherine (Johnny) Poston, Michael (Katie) Kopinski, Karin (Bobby) Gilbert, and Mark Kopinski; and great grandchildren, Jase, Nash, Tristan, and Logan Kopinski, Ethan, Kaitlyn, and Emma Kay Gilbert, Taylor Joseph (Kasi) Ives, and Maddie Peach Poston.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Nellie Kopinski; grandson, Charles J. Parisi; sisters, Helen Pulanecki, Nellie Cody, Mary Juk, and Wanda Frayer; and brothers, Joseph, Frank, Louie, and Rudolph Kopinski.

Visitation will be held Thursday, November 9, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM until 5:30 P.M. followed by a Prayer Service at 5:30 P.M.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, November 10 at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Hessel with Father Peter Fosu celebrant.

Burial will be in Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
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Prayer Service

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
261 S Islandview Rd.
Hessel, MI 49745

Tribute Wall



“ *Walter Martin Kopinski*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Walter Martin Kopinski*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Walter Martin Kopinski*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Walter Martin Kopinski.*



November 08, 2017 at 08:19 PM

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“ We were privileged to be next door neighbors to Walter and Nellie for many years. When our son Matthew, who was less than 2, was very sick with pneumonia and had to go to the hospital, Floyd was at work and we needed a ride. Walter was more than willing to take us. We lived about 25 miles from the hospital with no phone service in our area. Matthew is 42 now and has two wonderful children. Thank God Walter was willing and able to help us or we may have lost our son Matt, grandson Seth (18 on the 23rd) and granddaughter Ivy (11). Also Walter and Nelly were there when we buried our baby Jonathan (17 months), in the little cemetery just across from their house. They shared in the loss of Floyd.s parents Wayne and Millie. When Walter and Nellie were at Cedar Cove, Floyd's sister Wanda worked there and we also have a church service there once a month. Walter said he felt like he was at home because he saw us, his neighbors regularly. Walter and Nelly were wonderful neighbors!

Floyd and Karen Lamoreaux - November 08, 2017 at 02:29 PM