



William James Palmer

January 5, 1934 - August 28, 2016

William James Palmer, age 82, of Kincheloe, Michigan passed away Sunday evening, August 28, 2016 at the Villa at the Bay in Petoskey, MI. William was born in De Pere, Wisconsin on January 5, 1934. He joined the US Navy and was deployed onboard the aircraft carrier the USS Coral Sea during the Korean War. Later, he joined the US Coast Guard and served onboard the CGC Tamarack. He earned an Associate's Degree in Business from LSSU. On February 22, 1997, he married Geneva Eitrem in Florida. William worked for Great Lakes Towing and upon retirement he was the Senior Captain of the Tug Boat Missouri. He enjoyed woodcarving, drawing, and fishing. He also enjoyed spending time with his family - Rodney and the grandkids. He loved to eat. William was a member of the Oneida Tribe of Indians from Wisconsin. William is survived by his stepson: Rodney (Debra) Leask of Kincheloe, MI; three grandchildren: Peyton, Diana, and Rebecca; and a close friend: Bob VanDusen of Rudyard, MI. He was preceded in death by his wife: Geneva Palmer. According to William's wishes, no public services will be held.

Tribute Wall

HH

“ I remember the drawing he made (I might still have it) for our Thanksgiving Dinner Menu on board the Tamerack....prepared our cook Behnke. I served as YN-2 on board with Captain Henry E. Ask, Jr. Chbosn

Henry Hunt - December 13, 2023 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Bill's passing. I wish I could have gotten to know him even better, as we connected late in life. However, I was always taught by mom what a great person he was, and once I did come into contact with him, he confirmed that. I enjoyed our exchanges of letters and already miss that. My condolences to the family.

sonja reed - January 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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Uncle Bill, I am glad we got to talk briefly before my Mother, Your big Sister's passing. I was glad to give you the latest information about her and she should have lived longer....One day, We will All be together in that paradise earth and I will get to know you as well as Grandfather , Grandmother and All of us Oneidas together again& Mohegans...We are all proud of your accomplishments ! Condolences to all of Uncle Bills Children , & Grandchildren and Stepson too. Mom used to tell us Stories about you and I was glad that you two reconnected later in Life! Today, I celebrate you Uncle on a life worth living! Momma and us loved you no matter the miles between us! My heart is sad Uncle. ... Learning about your passing tonite...Still, you give me hope to keep living this life. We are all tired and are getting closer to our end as well. I Love You , Uncle! .. One day We will All be together again!!!! May God keep you in his Memory !!!! .Love, Your Niece, Susan

Susan L Diouri, (Niece) - August 17, 2024 at 02:34 AM

RM

Just finished Cpt Palmers book, " The Salmon Hunter", about his time aboard the SS Steelhead. I wanted to thank him for writing it, but it looks as if I'm too late. It's a great book though, and I'm grateful for this legacy to Michigan salmon fishing.

Richard Morehouse - February 03 at 03:54 PM

JL

“ I have so many great memories of "capt.Bill" my husband "andy" & bill were such good friends..they spend a lot of time talking about woodworking & so much more.He was such a great man.He will be missed by so many..

Joanne LaPonsie - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ My condolences for your lost. Loved when Uncle Bill and Aunt Genevra came over to see out garden and enjoy eating the stuff we made. Wish we could have seen him more. Rest in Peace. Mike and Shirley

Michael Donajkowski - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Thank you Bill for being who you are. It was my privilege and honor to have known Bill and Genevra. They hired me to fix their place up the way they liked to have it. Bill , a garage for his woodworking and other stuff. Genevra , the house, she wanted it to look good to blend in with her flowers. They were special to me. Thank you both!

Jeff Milligan - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *Very sorry to learn of Bills passing. My condolences to the family. I served with bill in the Coast a Guard at Base Soo sometime in the sixties. He was a mentor to me. I had a tremendous respect for Bill. A man of great character. I will miss him. R.I.P.*

Sylvester Pingatore - September 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM