



Carl James Fortelka

March 9, 1937 - June 14, 2018

Carl James Fortelka of Hoxeyville passed away Thursday morning, June 14, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. He was 81.

Carl was born March 9, 1937 in Cadillac to Joseph and Marie (Jurik) Fortelka.

Mr. Fortelka graduated from Hoxeyville Consolidated High School. He worked for Ann Arbor Construction and Johnson and Green doing road construction. After that he opened Carl's Canoe Livery on the Pine River. He was also on the board of directors for Great Lakes Energy and Wolverine Power until he retired. After his retirement he helped his son at FPS Archery on Boon Road in Cadillac. Carl loved to hunt, fish and being with his family. He also loved to listen and dance to polka music.

On February 9, 1956 he married his high school sweetheart, Betty Jean Griswold (his wife of 62 years) and she survives him along with their children: Kim (Karen) Fortelka of Harrietta, Darcie Wright of Cadillac, Carla Raymond of Ravenna, Angela (Tom) Phillips of Cadillac; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and siblings: Paul (Elaine) Fortelka, Betty (Leo) Porter, Marianne (Willard) Evens.

Private family graveside services will be held at Banker Cemetery in Hoxeyville. A luncheon for family and friends will be held 12:30 PM Friday,

June 29, 2018 at Norman-Dickson Community Center in Wellston.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Sorry for your loss. God bless you family*

Dale And Norine Rothig - June 23, 2018 at 08:23 AM

SP

“ *Carl will be greatly missed by many. I will miss his smile and hugs.*

Sherry Paul - June 18, 2018 at 02:48 PM

SE

“ *It was always a pleasure to be a part of Carl's life. So sorry for all the the families loss especially Bettys. From your banker and mailman. Sally and Tom*

Sally and Tom Ederer - June 18, 2018 at 01:39 PM

DR

“ *Forever greatful for having the chance to know this wonderful man. My deepest thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Debbie Ranville - June 17, 2018 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ *Carl, was a Great Husband, Father and Friend. That Smile and handshake will never be replaced. Peace in God's Promise to Him and His Beloved Betty and Family.*

Dave and Betty Babian - June 16, 2018 at 07:37 AM