



Donald M. VanderPol

January 12, 1922 - August 10, 2011

Donald M. VanderPol of Marion went to be with his Lord Wednesday morning August 10, 2011 at Green Acres Retirement Living in Cadillac. He was 89. He was born in Riverside Township, Missaukee County, Michigan on January 12, 1922 to Abel & Winnie (Koster) VanderPol and they preceded him in death.

He graduated from McBain Rural Agriculture High School in 1940. From 1944 to 1946 he served in the United States Navy as a Radio Operator during World War II. Mr. VanderPol had been a farmer and served as the Supervisor and Assessor for Riverside Township for 40 years and retired at the age of 86. Don was a charter member of Northland Community Church where he served as Chairman of the Elder Board. He also served as president of Michigan Farm Bureau, and Regional Director of Farm Credit Services for several years. Don loved poetry, history, crossword puzzles and was an avid reader.

On August 4, 1944 at Lucas Christian Reformed Church he married the former Irene Grashuis and his loving and devoted wife of 67 years survives him along with their children: Keith (Dottie) VanderPol of Rockford, Gayla (Gary) Finstrom, Joyce (Mike) Oatley, and Doyle (Sue) VanderPol all of Cadillac; 10 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; his sister, Celia Beerens of Marion; his brother, Vern (Angie) VandePol of McBain; and special family: Tim (Sandy) Jenema of Marion and Lynn (Ernie) Wagner of Grayling and their children; sister-in-law, Geraldine VerHage of Cuttlerville and many nieces and

nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a grandson, Chad Finstrom and a granddaughter-in-law, Carrie Oatley and many brothers and sisters-in-law.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, August 13, 2011 at the Northland Community Church 5855 S. Morey Rd., McBain, with Reverend Randy Jenkins officiating. Burial will be at Vogel Center Cemetery in Missaukee County. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Friday at the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. Memorial contributions may be made to the World Home Bible League. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Our prayers are with you all.*

Shawn Sikkema and family - August 19, 2011 at 05:37 PM

DD

“ *Thinking of you and your family. Though I didn't know your Dad, I know from your stories he was a great husband, Father and friend.*

Dave Denman - August 17, 2011 at 10:55 AM

JC

“ *Sending love and prayers to you all during this difficult time of loss. May the peace of Christ surround you.*

Judy Coffey - August 13, 2011 at 07:17 AM

DV

“ *my thoughts@prayers go out to the whole family. don was a good man @ i always had alot of respect for him. will be greatly missed.*

dale vandepol - August 12, 2011 at 07:37 AM

CS

“ *May God's peace and your wonderful memories comfort you during this time of great loss. Praying for you all.*

Cya Stambaugh - August 11, 2011 at 12:21 PM