



## Earl E. Root

November 20, 1933 - December 1, 2011

Earl E. Root of Lake City formerly of Luther died Thursday morning, December 1, 2011 at Autumnwood of McBain. He was 78. He was born in Flint on November 20, 1933 to Russell E. & Sarah A. (Johnston) Root and they preceded him in death. On March 17, 1955 in Grand Rapids he married the former Betty Grames and she preceded him in death on Nov. 29, 2004.

Earl had served in the United States Army and had been employed for many years in California before moving back to the area. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children: Jackie (Roger) Sanchez, Tammie Smith all of Lake City, Donna (Bruce) Hunnicutt of Las Vegas, NV, Rick (Vanessa) Root of Modesto, CA and Ronnie (Penny) Root of 29 Palms, CA; 15 grandchildren; 49 great grandchildren; two brothers: Gerry (Judith) Root of Lakeview and John Root of Texas; three sisters: Donna (Clyde) Cottrell of Rockford, Dixie (Harry) Vonard of Georgia, Cheryl VanAusdal of Utah; sister-in-law, Jeanette Root of Utah; and lots of nieces, nephews, cousins, Aunts, Uncles and friends. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by his sons: Russell and Randy Root; great granddaughter, Julie Root; his sister and her husband, Marge & Don Fellows; a brother, Donald Root and a brother-in-law, Ken VanAusdal.

A memorial gathering will be held. His final resting place will be Sherman Township Cemetery in Osceola County. Arrangements were made by the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ *May You Rest In Heavenly Peace*

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**Kathy Carter** - March 13, 2012 at 12:48 PM

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“ *we will miss all of our fun times we had in lake havasu he showed us some really interesting things*

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**abeto family** - December 08, 2011 at 11:13 PM

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“ *I dont know we are going to on without such a wonderful man that has been there my whole life. Give my love to grandma, julie and my uncles. We will miss you always.*

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**michelle abeto** - December 08, 2011 at 11:09 PM

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“ *very sorry for your loss!! I sure will miss Earl*

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**tammy douglas** - December 03, 2011 at 01:46 PM