



George W. Towers

November 4, 1934 - April 25, 2017

George W. Towers of Cadillac passed away Tuesday afternoon, April 25, 2017 at Autumnwood of McBain. He was 82. George was born on November 4, 1934 in Cadillac to George & Verda (Anway) Towers.

George graduated from Cadillac High School and later went into the United States Army serving during and after the Korean Conflict. After his service to our country George worked at Kysor Industries for 41 years from 1956 to 1997. When a job would open up he would bid on it and thereby learned all the processes and later became production supervisor. In 2016 he was honored as a member of their Hall of Fame. The plaque said that he had great leadership skills and was liked by everyone. Mr. Towers was a knowledgeable machine operator and was respectful of others.

After his retirement he worked for Kelly's Deli and later Speed's Auto. George was a former member of Boon Baptist Church and for past 10 years he has been active at the United Methodist Church in Cadillac. Throughout the years George loved to hunt with his brother-in-law, Jim Foor and enjoyed fishing with his brother-in-law, Bernard Merchant. George also enjoyed model trains and had a special room set up in his house for this hobby.

George married the former Doris Foor and together they had five children: Colleen King (who later was killed by a drunk driver), Carla Meyering of

McBain, George Thomas Towers of Cadillac, Robert (Lori) Towers of Marion, and Margo (Jim) Duncanson of Freeport, Florida.

On May 1, 1982 he married Darlene M. Mayo Horning and raised these 3 boys with her: Douglas Horning of Cadillac, Michael (Melissa) Horning of Phoenix, Arizona, and David (Anne-Teresa) Horning of Centerville, Virginia. Darlene preceded George in death on December 21, 2007.

Then on January 3, 2010 he married Suzanne L. (Stroo) Johnson and enjoyed the company of Suzanne's children: Rhonda VanKampen of Hampton, Virginia, John (Terri) VanKampen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jack (Diana) VanKampen of Laingsburg, Michigan and Russell (Melanie) VanKampen of Grand Rapids, Michigan. George has 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and several step-grandchildren and step great grandchildren as well as 2 sisters: Claudia Tenny of Lansing and Myrna Ann (Albert) Hendricks of McBain.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Monday, May 1, 2017 at United Methodist Church of Cadillac with Reverend Tom Ball and Reverend Floyd Kanipe officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Friends may meet the family Sunday, April 30, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to the local Salvation Army and Love, INC. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

EF

“ George was a good humored friend to all who knew him. He will be missed. Deepest sympathy to Suzanne and all the family. Wonderful friend and heckler.

ELSIE MOORE FAMILY - April 30, 2017 at 10:27 PM

JT

“ An amazing kind man
You will be missed "
SIR"
GEORGE !!

Joanne Taylor - April 28, 2017 at 07:01 PM

RM

“ You lost a great man who will be greatly be missed by all of us who knew him. He always loved joking around with others. I remember as a child my dad working with George at Kysor. Every time we would take lunch down to dad George would always come out to the car and pick on us four girls. My husband met him through his various jobs as a cook after moving to Cadillac. He made Rick and I both feel special and always had something to joke about with us. We will greatly miss him and his friendly manner. RIP George you are in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior !!!

Rick & Cheryl (Yager) Mapes - April 28, 2017 at 05:14 PM

WS

“ George worked as a Mercy volunteer and that is where we first met him. He was a very caring escort volunteer and a lot of fun to be around. Our condolences go out to the family. He will be missed.

Ward and Pat Smith - April 28, 2017 at 02:59 PM

TS

“ I was sorry to hear of Georges passing, he was a great leader that treated his crew at Kysor with much respect & his ability as a machinist was outstanding. After he retired when I would see him in town I would always stop and talk to him & for some reason I would always feel great after our visits. I had the privilege to give him a plant tour last year when he was added to the BorgWarner (Kysor) Wall of Honor.

George was loved by all who worked with him.

Tracy Sherman - April 28, 2017 at 10:42 AM

PG

“ George was a wonderful and giving human being. He and his kindness will be missed.

Precia Garland - April 28, 2017 at 09:29 AM

CH

“ my prayers go out to all the family and friends.

christena horning - April 28, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JL

“ George was a pillar of faith, strength and friendship at the Cadillac UMC. He was loved, respected and admired by anyone he came in contact with. George was kind and gentle and always displayed a humorous disposition. May he be at peace with our Lord who has called upon our friend to be at rest.

Jerry & Diane Leavell - April 27, 2017 at 09:22 PM