



Harry Delbert "True" Sparks

February 8, 1917 - August 29, 2015

Harry Delbert "True" Sparks, of Manistee, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Curry House in Cadillac. He was 98.

Harry was born on February 8, 1917 to James and Minnie Sparks in Mesick. He attended rural schools and Mesick schools through the ninth grade. In later years, he worked to complete his education and graduated from Manistee High School in 1966.

Harry married Irene Fenton on June 1, 1940 at the home of her parents and recently celebrated 75 years of marriage. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was employed at Packard Motor Company, B.F. Goodrich and Packaging Corporation of America as well as being a farmer for many years, retiring in 1981. Upon retirement he enjoyed their home in Lakeland, Florida during the winter months playing golf and being involved in activities within their residential community.

He was a former member of the Bear Lake Golf Association, and until his death, was the oldest active member of the local United Steel Workers of America union and also a member of the Buckley Old Engine Club. He was an avid golfer and loved hunting, fishing and camping.

Harry is survived by his wife, Irene; daughters, Lois (Lyle) Matteson of

Manton, Lola (Ron) Swanson of Cadillac; and a son, Dale (Mary) Sparks of Manistee, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren; a brother, Kelly (Majeane) Sparks along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Andy, Robert, Frank, and Alec; sisters, Dorothy O'Neil and Alice Clark.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the Manistee Township Fire Hall, 1331 Hill Road, Manistee, Michigan. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Manistee Senior Center or to Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

SK

“ *Irene, sorry for your loss. The world is less today.*

Stephen and Jo Ellen Karas - October 30, 2015 at 04:45 PM

BM

“ *Irene and Family,
My sincere sympathy for the loss of your loved one,
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True”
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Betty Lou Miller - September 03, 2015 at 08:13 PM

TD

“ *Sorry to read of the loss of your father. Remember the happy memories*

Tom and Lois Darrow - September 02, 2015 at 04:21 PM

PB

“ *Irene
So sorry for your loss. I will miss seeing Harry and all his antics*

Patti Bernard - September 02, 2015 at 09:11 AM