



James "Judd" Nelson

December 26, 1926 - September 29, 2013

James "Judd" Nelson of Cadillac passed away Sunday September 29, 2013 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 86. He was born on December 26, 1926 in Cadillac to Louie & Delcie (Yager) Nelson and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Nelson had been employed at the Plywood Company in Cadillac and retired in 1988 from Kysor after over 20 years of employment there. Judd was a member of the American Fish Decoy Association and has been carving since 1938 when he started with Oscar Peterson and has carved over 6000 decoys through the years. He also enjoyed Ice fishing, spearing, snowmobiling, hunting and traveling and has been to 48 of the states.

On February 18, 1946 in Cadillac he married the former Mary L. Scarbrough and she survives him along with his brothers & sisters: Charlie Nelson of Cadillac, Doyle Nelson of Cadillac, Ray (Donna) Nelson of Jennings, Danny (Yvonne) Nelson of Cadillac, Albert (Gail) Nelson of Cadillac, Helen Christensen of Cadillac, Joanne Brunner of Cincinnati, OH, Pat (Delbert) Edwards of Cadillac, and Mary (Donald) Patnode of Cadillac; sister-in-laws, Jeanette Nelson and Pat Nelson both of Cadillac; many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by 5 brothers: Ted, Claude, Abe, Jack and Oscar Nelson and a sister, Delice Anderson.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Patricia Nelson officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family from 5-7

PM Monday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ *While I never met Jim, I own many of his fish decoys, and his wonderful works of art have given me many hours of enjoyment. I wonder what he and Oscar are up to now?*

Paul Lohr - October 01, 2013 at 09:28 AM

CR

“ *I'm a distant cousin who didn't get to know Jim well, but my sympathies to his immediate family.*

Delcie's sister (Gertie) was my Great Grandmother

Charles Ramey - September 30, 2013 at 07:08 PM

AD

“ *Rest in peace Uncle Judd, you will always have a special place in my heart! You will truly be missed!*

Angie Dixon - September 30, 2013 at 05:46 PM

RM

“ *To my Cousins,*

Sorry to hear of the passing of Jimmy. He will be greatly missed by all. We would love to be at the funeral but won't be able to make it.

Sorry We can't be there but Rick's MOM died Tuesday and we have an appointment in Kalkaska to take care some of her death business.

Our love and prayere to all !!!

Rick & Cheryl Mapes

Rick & Cheryl (Yager) Mapes - September 30, 2013 at 04:50 PM

MS

“ *Jim will be missed by many. RIP my friend.*

Maurice Stiff - September 30, 2013 at 12:38 PM

FS

“ *Jim, Rest in Peace.*

Fritz Scott - September 30, 2013 at 11:21 AM

MU

“ *Jim was a great asset to the heritage of winter spearing. He was a wonderful person and friend to all who knew him.*

Mike Holmes, UPSA - September 30, 2013 at 10:09 AM

MH

“ *Rest in peace. Cadillac will not be the same without you.*

Mike Hale - September 30, 2013 at 09:37 AM

GM

“ *So long old friend, You will be greatly missed.*

Gary Miller - September 30, 2013 at 09:28 AM

JG

“ *Uncle Judd, may you rest in peace. Your smiling face will be missed by many.*

Jean Gauld - September 30, 2013 at 09:18 AM