



Ralph W. Brainerd

April 25, 1926 - April 6, 2023

Ralph W. Brainerd of Cadillac passed away Thursday, April 6, 2023 at his home. He was 96. Ralph was born on April 25, 1926 in Cadillac to Roy W. & Fannie (Hayter) Brainerd. On July 30, 1949 he married the former Helen J. Mongar and she preceded him in death on April 8, 2022.

Ralph lived most all of his life in the Cadillac area. He had been employed at St. John's Table Company for 23 years before retiring. After his retirement he went back into farming which he had done before working at St. John's. He enjoyed getting together with family, working in his pole barn and anytime spent outdoors.

Survivors include his children: Peggy (Larry) Truax of Cadillac, Ralph "Duane" (Suzanne) Brainerd of LeRoy, Patricia Price of Cadillac, Susan (Alan) Harrison of Manton, Dale Brainerd (Jamie Stickels) of Lake City, Scott Brainerd, Jeffery Brainerd both of Cadillac, Christie (Rick) Walters of Manton; 29 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren; special friends: Terri Hite and the Sharp family. In addition to his parents and his wife Ralph was preceded in death by a son, Roy W. Brainerd, a grandson, Alan Harrison, Jr. and 7 siblings: Lyle, Raymond, Julia, Laura, Luella, Grace and Myrle.

Cremation has taken place and Ralph will be laid to rest with his wife at Maple

Hill Cemetery in Cadillac with a family service held at a later date. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Rachel lit a candle in memory of Ralph W. Brainerd*



Rachel - April 09, 2023 at 09:57 PM

RB

“ *1 file added to the album remember when...*



Rachel Brainerd - April 08, 2023 at 09:22 PM

JB

“ *Our family has many years of awesome history and our heart ache with the one more loss in our family history together, oh but what great memories together, our dads are grinning and dancing with your mom. May they rest in peace as we carry on our family legacy. Until we meet again. Lv u*

Janice K Boyd - April 07, 2023 at 03:52 PM

JB

SHARP family

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BG

Well don't really know where to start. There's just tons of memories between our families. There such a great family. My heart will have and empty spot in it from Ralph and Helen. My biggest laugh was when Ralph went was our dad to the farm in Reed City. My dad of course realized he was out of gas in the truck and 12 o'clock and nothing was open. They decided to take the chance to come back and take the freeway. Dad missed the Cadillac exit because of course all the talking between them and Ralph told dad he better get off the next exit and guess where they were 1:30 in the morning in Manton. Nothing open of course so they took each hose and tipped it up to get enough gas to make it to Cadillac. Finally there was gas. Ralph made it home around 3 in the morning!!

Brenda Sharp Gabrielson - April 08, 2023 at 09:32 AM

JT

such a sweet man ,my uncle ralph jeanette troupe(shimel)

jeanette troupe - April 08, 2023 at 12:55 PM

RA

*RIP Grandpa
I could talk to him about anything and never felt any judgement. He will always have a special place in my heart that nobody could ever fill.. I love u more than you realized..*

Rachel - April 08, 2023 at 09:14 PM