



Robert Brinks

April 17, 1929 - July 29, 2016

Robert Brinks of Cadillac passed away Friday, July 29, 2016 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was 87.

Bob was born April 17, 1929 in Missaukee County to Joseph and Frances (Scrimger) Brinks. He owned and operated two Texaco Gas Stations in Cadillac before buying the Swartwood Dairy milk route. After the milk route Bob worked as a motor grader operator for the Wexford County Road Commission of over 20 years.

Bob enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. He had a love of gardening and kept a vegetable garden for many years. Bob had a long tradition of hosting Fourth of July celebrations for over 40 years. He was fortunate to winter in Fort Ogden, Florida for the last 22 years with his wife, Betty. He enjoyed casino trips and weekly lunches with his friends to Leroy.

On May 7, 1949 in Cadillac he married the former Betty Altman and she survives him along with their children: Mike (Dee) Brinks, Vickie (Bill) Oglesby all of Cadillac Steve (Sue) Brinks of Grayling and Tom (Julie) Brinks of Tucson, Arizona; grandchildren: James, Adam, Chris, Sara, Lindsey, Eric, Tim, Joe and Paul; step grandchildren: Stephanie, Jolene, Tisha, Mandi and Bill; 17 great grandchildren and special neighbors Mike and Penny Jenema.

He was preceded in passing by his parents and brothers, Roger in 2010 and Allen in 1931.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and a family gathering will take place at a later date. His final resting place will be Haring Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was kind-hearted and well loved. We'll be thinking of his family, especially Betty, during this time. Missy, Chip and Adelle McMillan

Missy Ryan McMillan - August 03, 2016 at 06:42 PM

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“ Bob truly represented the very best in old fashioned caring and friendly service. He was our milkman for many years and would go the extra mile for his route customers by delivering their orders directly to their refrigerators. A special effort from a special man who carried on that philosophy throughout his life. As young marrieds, Bob and Betty were friends of my brother Dick Olney and his wife Peg. Judy Olney Durham, Redondo Beach, CA

Judy "Olney" Durham - August 01, 2016 at 07:13 PM

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“ I can vividly remember the day I met Grandpa Brinks many years ago. Only at the time, he wasn't my step-grandfather, but rather the neighbor who lived around the corner. My father tricked my sister and I into helping dig a trench on a service call, on the premise that we had to meet this gentleman, who reminded him of someone special to us. This gentleman, Mr. Brinks, who later became our Grandpa Brinks, was someone special. He was a man who embraced family, no matter how you became a part of it. He was a man who taught generations how to love one another unconditionally. He was a man who made you feel like you were loved, just by directing that twinkle in his eye toward you. He will be dearly missed by many, as we were so blessed by his love!

Stephanie McConnell - July 30, 2016 at 09:48 PM