



## Warren VanHouten

December 23, 1924 - April 18, 2014

Warren VanHouten of Cadillac went to Glory, Friday, April 18, 2014 at his home. He was 89. He was born December 23, 1924 in Lucas, Michigan to Ralph and Hattie (Hoeksema) Van Houten.

Warren served in the United States Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He started Market Tire Company in 1954 in Cadillac which later became Cadillac Tire. He opened VanHouten Oil Company which he owned and operated for over 30 years.

Warren was an active member of the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church and served as elder, deacon and on several committees there. He served on the Northern Michigan Christian School Board and helped start the Endowment Fund golf outing there. He enjoyed golf, traveling, reading and watching the Detroit Tigers. Above all he loved the Lord and will be remembered as a kind, honest, loyal and generous person. He loved his family and always prayed for them.

On July 3, 1947 at Lucas Christian Reformed Church he married the former Eleanor J. Brunink and she survives him along with their children: Kenneth (Deborah) VanHouten of Gaylord, David (Linda) VanHouten, Marcia (Dave) VanderPlas, James (Bonnie) VanHouten and Paul (Teresa) VanHouten all of Cadillac; 14 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; three sisters: Gertrude

(Jerry) Bogard, Shirley (Larry) VanAssen and Ethel (Cyril) Sikkema and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two granddaughters, Anna VanHouten and Danielle VanHouten; two sisters, Lucille Bode and Hilda Loeks and two brothers, William and Robert VanHouten.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 21, 2014 at the Cadillac Christian Reformed Church with Reverend Brian Seifert and Reverend Sean Baker officiating. Friends may meet the family Sunday from 4-7 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or McBain Northern Michigan Christian School. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ One of the kindest and most sincere people I knew in my 40 years in Cadillac. He was a fixture at our office golf outing and always contributed in his unassuming way. More people with his faith and convictions are desperately needed in this world. This man adored his family and will certainly be missed.

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**Dan Brooks** - April 22, 2014 at 09:10 AM

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“ Rick and I have just returned from Warren's funeral service, and I have to say how inspirational it was: the fun and meaningful eulogy by Dave, the gift of song from the granddaughters, the powerful meditation and tribute by Pastor Sean, and such foundational and moving songs as "The Old Rugged Cross." Warren's imperishable trust in our God and Savior and his faithful passing on of that faith to his children and grandchildren is crystal clear. God bless you all.

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**Jan and Rick Klooster** - April 21, 2014 at 03:35 PM

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“ A good man. We feel honored to have know him & dealt with him when we had our business. Her will be sadly missed.

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**Bill & Bev Vermilyea** - April 21, 2014 at 11:44 AM

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“ Warren was such a pleasant man and so helpful when it came to keeping our fuel oil tank filled. It was during the days when our triplets were born and we lived at Stone Ledge Lake, Cadillac. It is so wonderful that he knows the Lord and will be enjoying Jesus for eternity! Our sympathies are with you all! God Bless You and keep You for His glory!!

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**Jim & Nita Kitson** - April 19, 2014 at 10:41 AM