



## Wayne William Tessman, Sr.

December 7, 1932 - August 5, 2019

Wayne William Tessman, Sr. of Leroy passed away Monday, August 5, 2019 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital. He was 86.

Wayne was born December 7, 1932 in Leroy Township to Emil W. and Kate R. (Holmes) Tessman.

He graduated from Leroy Agricultural School in 1951. Shortly after in 1953 he joined the United States Air Force where he served as an Air Policeman. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force after four years of service to our county. Wayne was a member of Operating Engineers Local 324 and was a heavy equipment operator for 40 years. He enjoyed operating all types of equipment and could be found working around his farm often. John Deere tractors were his favorite and he enjoyed going to the Buckley Old Engine Show. Wayne's interests on his farm ranged from maple syrup to beef cattle. He was a member of Trinity Luther Church in Reed City and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac.

He is survived by his children: Charles (Jacqueline) Tessman of Fort Polk, Louisiana, Dale Tessman of Cadillac, Wayne "Buddy" (Leanne) Tessman, Jr. of Leroy, Chris (Lisa) Tessman of Rocklin, California; grandchildren: Charles (Morgan) Tessman, Jr., Edith Tessman, Samuel Tessman (Jamie Goodman), Brooklynn Tessman, Delaney Tessman, Dylan

Tessman; great-grandchildren: Charles III, Nolan, Anthony Joel, and Bryce; siblings: Lillian Brown of Orchard Park, New York and Milan Tessman of East Lake, Michigan; many nieces and nephews and special friend, Shirley Robinson of Marion.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Edith Alice in 1984; son, Michael Tessman in 1993 and two brothers: Gerald and Alton Tessman.

Cremation has taken place and family services will be held. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

SP

“ Carlton and I enjoyed sharing the table with you at Sr. Mealsite. We also shared lots of history from years past: the pleasure of working with Buddy and Chris at Tustin Elementary, and many other fond memories. R.I.P., dear Friend.

*Our sympathy to your beloved family.*

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**Shelby Plyler** - August 11, 2019 at 03:46 PM

WT

“ Sorry for your loss Chuck and Wayne. He was my favorite uncle next to Alton. I dearly enjoyed Aunt Alice and the many, many wonderful times that I had on the farm . Those memories will be with me for the rest of my life. Be assured that he will be up in the second resurrection. If there is anything that I can do, please let me know. William Tessman, gabrieloak@gtlakes.com 231-331-4492

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**William Tessman** - August 11, 2019 at 08:17 AM

MS

“ For all your rough exterior, I always sensed a hidden soft spot. May you find peace. I will always remember you.

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**Mary Stokes** - August 08, 2019 at 06:47 AM

TT

“ Our sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. We are old friends from Trinity.

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**Tharell and Marilyn Toman** - August 07, 2019 at 01:05 PM

PO

“ so sorry, played bingo at the senior center and his favorite number was B-1. God bless

Patti M Owens - August 07, 2019 at 07:28 AM

CB

“ Wayne, we will miss seeing you on Sunday morning in Bible study and Worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. You always had a good joke to make us laugh. We take great comfort knowing you are with the Lord Jesus. Comfort, Strength and Peace to your family.

Craig & Cindy Belt - August 07, 2019 at 07:03 AM

CT

“ Rest in peace

Carolyn tessman - August 07, 2019 at 05:41 AM

RG

“ Wayne, sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Roxanne Gustafson - August 07, 2019 at 03:52 AM