



Clifford Leroy Tinkey

September 8, 1924 - July 29, 2014

Clifford Leroy "Bud" Tinkey, 89, of Charlotte, passed away on July 29, 2014 in Eaton Rapids, MI. He was born on September 8, 1924 to George and Hazel (Barrlett) Tinkey in Bear River, MN. On May 21, 1943 he married Jeannette Barrett in Charlotte, MI. Bud was proud to have served in the US Army during World War II serving in the 1st and 3rd Armies as a driver supplying fuel to the troops. He saw action in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe. After returning home Bud worked in grocery management with Curtis Market and later at Associated Grocers until his retirement. Bud enjoyed many things in his leisure time including, playing cards with friends and family, especially Cribbage, golf, and dancing with his wife Jeannette. He was a Life Member of VFW Post 2406. Bud is survived by his wife of 71 years, Jeannette; his daughter, Kay Dawn Gingrich of Charlotte; three grandsons, Tim Gingrich, Todd Gingrich, and Ty Tinkey; granddaughter, Shannon Sabino; 7 great grandchildren, Jessie, Heather, Trevor, Grant, Jasmine, Trent, and McKenna; 3 great-great grandchildren Levi, Laci, and Lakin; sister, Margaret Peltier. Bud was predeceased by his son George Tinkey; his parents George and Hazel Tinkey; and his brother Eugene Tinkey. Visitation will be held at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan on Friday August 8th at 1 PM with a Memorial Service following at 2 PM with Rev. Charles Jenson, officiating. Cremation interment will take place in Deepdale Memorial Gardens. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to McLaren Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Family and friends are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Bud's Book of Memories at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Clifford Leroy Tinkey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Daughter-in-law to Bud & Jeanette Tinkey, I was in the family fourteen years. Throughout those years, Bud and I had differences of opinion;length of hair my son wore was one. At the age of two, Ty received his first haircut at Grandpa Bud's(without my permission). George and I bought our first home close to Bud & Jeanette; Bud helping to put in a new furnace. The Tinkeys enjoyed motorcycle riding, until I gave him a close shave, passing him with the three-wheel cycle I drove. After we stopped, Bud let me know of his displeasure. Bud once threw his Euchere hand after I told him to pick up the Jack of Spades. There was no way he would win the game. No matter our differences, Bud never stayed upset with me. I really enjoyed our attempts to out wit each other. Bud Tinkey and my father rode the same bus to military boot camp, not knowing one day they would be in-laws.

Brenda J. Hoeve - August 19, 2014 at 03:38 PM

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“ Kay & family, I'm am deeply sadden to hear of Bud's passing. I have such fond memories of your family as we were growing up. I know what a dear friend he was to my Dad and how my much respect both of my parents had for him. He was always ready to give a hug or a laugh and and he will be greatly missed.

Lona (King) Houston - August 01, 2014 at 07:07 PM

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“ So sorry to read about Bud and his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May you find peace in all the wonderful memories that were made.

Carol Miller (Bisel) - July 31, 2014 at 08:10 PM