



Harold Lloyd Stewart

April 6, 1930 - January 16, 2013

Harold Lloyd Stewart, 82, of Nashville, MI passed away January 16, 2013 in the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek. Harold was born on April 6, 1930, in Castleton Twp., Barry County, MI, the son of Henry H. and Thelma J. (Schnepp) Stewart. He served his country in the U.S. Army as a mechanic in Japan for transport trucks during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a welder in the Oldsmobile division of General Motors in Lansing, retiring after 30 years in 1978. After retirement, he owned his own welding business at his home in Nashville. He loved fishing, hunting, and baseball, particularly the Detroit Tigers. Harold will be missed by his wife of 62 years, Bessie Mae (Jenkins) Stewart; children, Sally (Bill) Martin, Kathy (Fred) Spears, Jr.; daughter-in-law, Brenda (Swift) Stewart; grandchildren Mike (Sara) Martin, Dan (Missy) Martin, Chad (Mandy) Spears, Bess Ann Sheppard, Jane Spears, Dawn (Kurt) Fairfield, Kate (Brian) Rumsey, Sarah (Jack) Atkinson, and Tara (Chuck) Walker; great-grandchildren Anthony, Matthew, Samuel and Nicholas Martin, Cassie and Nikki Palmer, McKenize and Emma Martin, Elle Marie and Gavin Sheppard, Nikita and Rebecca Fairfield, Wyatt and Carlee Spears, Rian and Bryce Rumsey, Nicholas and Skyler Atkinson, and Austin VanAlstine; siblings William (Anita) Stewart and Barbara (Raymond) Barlund; and brother-in-law Robert Bigford. Harold was preceded in death by his sons, Arthur H. Stewart and Henry L. Stewart and sisters, Betty Garvey and Judy Bigford. Visitation will be held Friday, January 18, 2013 from 7:00-9:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, MI. Funeral Service will be held at 3:00 PM on

Saturday, January 19, 2013 with visitation one hour prior to the service. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Barry County Adult Daycare or the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com <http://www.prayfuneral.com>.

Tribute Wall

HL

“ *Dear Aunt Bessie, Family and Friends: Sorry to hear of your continuing, Earthly losses. We just received your memorial cards and were taken by the writing on the inside about suffering. Such a lovely, fitting and true piece! It says it all. Our thoughts and prayers have and always will be w/ you. We pray, hope and wish for some well-earned peace for this year. Please accept this message as a big hug for ALL of you. Love, Henry & Dianna Lapp*

Henry & Dianna (Jenkins) Lapp - February 07, 2013 at 03:19 PM

HL

“ I, Dianna, remember a very quiet, hardworking, Uncle Harold...often w/ a quiet grin, noticing all the activity around him. My family spent many fun times visiting w/ Uncle Harold and Aunt Bessie Mae, on their farm. My sisters and I loved running through the sprawling farm doing all those things that kids do w/ their cousins; Sally, Butch, Kathy and Art. Picking berries, watching my sisters scared of the cows, hearing the piano rocking the house w/ Aunt Bessie enjoying some time from chores in late afternoon were some of the best memories. One special memory was of Uncle Harold teaching us how to use a bow-n-arrow. I thought I was so strong and found this to be really difficult. He patiently helped me to some success, with that quiet, face-illuminating grin. Never criticizing nor impatient. The last memory was of my husband, Henry, visiting Uncle Harold's welding shed. The rest of us were looking at the many family pictures in the house w/ Aunt Bessie and Sally. But, my Henry was eager to skip that scene, visit w/ Uncle Harold for hours, hearing many stories and info about welding. He loved it so much that he wanted to move to Michigan, on a farm, I suspect, near Uncle Harold and Aunt Bessie. We love and miss Uncle Harold but look forward to many better times in eternity. Thank you, Uncle Harold, bet you are making some useful thing in the great beyond!! Love, Henry & Dianna (Jenkins) Lapp

Henry & Dianna (Jenkins) Lapp - February 07, 2013 at 03:09 PM

TT

“ To the family: I am very sorry about your loss. Losing a loved one is painful because we all want to keep living happily with family and friends. (Ecclesiastes 3:11) It is comforting to know that God cares about us and is also saddened by our loss. (1 Peter 5:7) Thankfully, God has promised to make changes on the earth and in us so that very soon we will no longer have to mourn for loved ones, or worry about our own death. (Romans 5:21; Revelation 21:3, 4) He has also provided a sure hope that we will be able to see our loved ones alive again. (John 5:28, 29) May you have comfort and peace during this difficult time.

T. Turner - January 20, 2013 at 08:37 AM

RF

“ i know how long harold has suffered and is now well and in a much better place, he probably has found judy and is having a long talk with her. my condolences and prayers go out to the whole wonderful family. i am so sorry i could not attend services with you all. he has always been a great brother-in-law and friend.

ROBERT BIGFORD AND FAMILY - January 19, 2013 at 11:15 AM

CP

“ Dear Tara and family, So sorry for your loss, my prayers are with all of you. God Bless, Cathy

Cathy Powers - January 19, 2013 at 04:42 AM

KP

“ I remember when Aunt Bessie Mae came to my bridal shower in Lansing, Uncle Harold sat in the car the whole time listening to the radio. Unfortunately he did this for many hours, and ended up draining the battery! We all had a good laugh about it as he walked up to the house looking for jumper cables! Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone.

KayCe & Brian Parsons - January 18, 2013 at 11:55 AM

BH

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Aunt Bessie, and the kids (our cousins. We will always remember Uncle Harlods sense of humor, smile and the teasing he used to do. Always Brinda & Dave

Brinda & Dave Hawkins - January 17, 2013 at 11:06 PM