



Milan "Mike" Eugene Tappen

April 25, 1926 - November 29, 2015

Milan "Mike" Eugene Tappen, 89, of Charlotte, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte. Milan was born April 25, 1926, in Batavia, Branch County, MI, the son of Alpha John and Elsie Gladys (Wells) Tappen. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, returning home to marry his beloved Kathryn "Kitty" (Margaret) Brandon on April 7, 1945. Milan worked as a die repairman for AE Hoover, retiring in 1986 with the #1 seniority time card. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing and boating at Chippewa Lake. He always looked forward to family gatherings for the holidays and many birthdays. He enjoyed music, listening to his record collection and even playing the organ by ear. Many will remember Milan as a generous man, always willing to donate his time, talent and treasure to help his family and friends in any way.

Milan is survived by his wife of 70 years, Kathryn Tappen; their children, Duane John Tappen of Sacramento, CA, Carol May Tappen of Charlotte, and daughter-in-law, Mary Frances Tappen of Charlotte; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sister, Ardith (Mitch) Cnota. He was predeceased by his son, Michael Glenn Tappen in 1992; his father in 1970; his mother in 1931; his step-mother, Hazel Leona Tappen in 1960; and his infant brother, Alpha Ronald Tappen in 1918.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at

Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Milan on his tribute page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



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“ *We were neighbors of the Tappens for many years on Forest St. Both of them were always so nice to everyone. Our prayers are with all of you.*

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