



William Joy Stanton

May 7, 1924 - May 8, 2013

William Joy Stanton, 89, of Vermontville, passed away on May 8, 2013 at Woodlawn Meadows, Hastings, MI. He was born on May 7, 1924 to Asa and Alpharetta (Dingman) Stanton in Barry County, MI. In 1947 he married his first wife, Doris Dull, and to that union he had three children, Kathleen, Patricia, and Steven. In 1973 he married Shirley (Raymond) and they lived in Vermontville, Michigan. Bill loved working as an Auctioneer, founding Stanton's Auctioneers in 1954. ...when we began in 1954, we were the only Realtor/Auctioneers in the area at the time. We also handled insurance for a while but then we decided we wanted to focus on the real estate and auctioneering, said Bill on the company's 50th anniversary. It sure is an interesting business. Sometimes I wish I could start over and sell all that stuff again. In his leisure time he enjoyed fishing, especially the Canadian fishing trips he shared with his wife and friends. Bill was a proud member of the 1st Marine Division of the US Marine Corps serving in Cape Gloucester, New Guinea, New Britain, Peleliu, Palau Islands, Okinawa, and Ryukyu Islands, and China during WWII.. He was a member of the 1st Marine Division Association, a Life Member of VFW Post 2406, American Legion Post 222, and the First Congregational Church of Vermontville. He was also a member of the Michigan and National Auctioneers Associations and the Michigan and National Realtors Associations. William is survived by his wife Shirley, 2 Daughters - Kathleen (Dennis) Swan of Okemos, MI, Patricia (Stephen) Stine of Charlotte, MI; Son - Steven (Debra) Stanton of Nashville, MI; 2 Sisters -

Josephine Morse, Clara (Francis) Squires; his brother-, Harry (Dorene) Stanton; step daughter Susan Matthews McCaslin (Ronald) of Battle Creek; grandchildren Kelli (Amit) Masih, Leigh (Sean) Jeric, Joyelle (Gabe) Priddy, Dawn Stine, Elizabeth and Stephanie Stanton, David (Nanci) Brace, Catherine Matthews, Jason Gillons, Amber Stanger and great grandchildren Andrew, Kara and Kate Priddy, Conner and Kendall Jeric, Ian and Carter Masih, Alexis, Rylie, Kaidence and Nevada Gillons, Veronika and Avery Brace, and many nieces nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Dorothy McLaughlin, Ruth Green, Kathryn Reed, and brothers, Clare Stanton, and James Stanton. Visitation will be held Sunday, May 12, 2013 5:00pm - 8:00 pm at Pray Funeral Home, Inc., Charlotte, Michigan. Funeral services will be held on Monday, May 13, 2013, 10:00 am at the Vermontville First Congregational Church, with Rev. Israel Young officiating. Burial will take place in the Fort Custer National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the VFW Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, and the First Congregational Church of Vermontville, MI.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to here of your loss.What a Great Man William Stanton that we have lost,he was a Honest and Caring Man.I loved to go to his Auctions.May God be with you all in this time of sorrow.

Rose Woodbury - May 11, 2013 at 07:55 PM

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“ To the Stanton family, my deepest sympathy and prayers go out to you. When I am asked about auctions/auctioneers, your husband,father,grandfather,uncle is the first person to come to mind. I am but one of hundreds, possibly thousands of your auction followers. I always knew I would be greeted with a hello, a smile and treated with respect. When I look up the word "Integrity" in the dictionary there is a photo of William "Bill" Stanton next to it. My Deepest Regards, Lanny Weems - Portland, Mi.

Lanny Weems - May 10, 2013 at 10:29 PM

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“ It is long time auctioneers like Mr Stanton that have been an example and mentor to those of us who became auctioneers, after attending auctions by Mr Stanton with my parents and those of Mr Paul Hillman. They were both influences in my life. I am sure the family has many great memories and it is a privilege to know such families that have shared their members with many of us. My sympathy to the family.

Judy Landino - May 09, 2013 at 06:23 PM