



Murray Baker

May 12, 2011

Murray E. Baker, 96, passed away peacefully at Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, MI on Thursday, May 12, 2011.

Murray was born on December 8, 1914 to the late Frank and Frances (Belland) Baker in Stambaugh, MI. After graduating from Stambaugh High School, Murray served with the US Army during WWII. For over 21 years he was employed as a truck driver for DuPont.

On July 12, 1943, Murray married the former Greta Holm and she preceded him in death in 1975. He later married Helen Holm, and she also preceded him in death in 1997.

Murray was a lifelong member of the American Legion Reino Post 21, in which he served as Sergeant at Arms with their Drill Team and Commander for many years. He was also a member of the VFW, the Disabled American Veterans, the Stambaugh Fire Department and St. Cecilia Catholic Church of Caspian. He was an avid cribbage player, snowmobiler, hunter and golfer. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Frank and Clarence, as well as his sisters, Adele Erickson, Celeste Westerdahl, Irene Croslin and Fernetta Posanza.

Murray was a loving father to his children; Pete (Sherry) Baker, Westminster, CO, Cathy (Ted) Lammers, Pilot Grove, MO and Curt (Nancy) Baker, Germantown, WI. Surviving step-children include; Albert (Gail) Holm of Columbia, MD, Carl (Ruthann) Holm, Marquette, MI, Terri Olan, Onalaska, WI, and Wayne Holm, Rochester, MN. He leaves behind his siblings; Bill (Nancy)

Baker, Little Lake, MI, James (Madeline) Baker, Warren, MI and Jeanne Barube, Midland, MI. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held on May 21 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Caspian at 10:00 AM. The family will receive visitors starting one hour before the service at the church. Graveside services will be held immediately after at Stambaugh Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jacobetti Home for Veterans, 425 Fisher St, Marquette, MI 49855 or to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.

“If you see anyone I know, say hello.”

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Dear Pete, Cathy, and Curtl am deeply sorry for your loss having just learned of your fathers passing. I remember your dad driving that Big Red Mack Dupont truck and parking it in front of your house from time to time. I also remember him marching the Legion Drill Team in all those parades in Stambaugh. What memories I have of him - that old Pontiac car and him shooting a big buck off old hwy 16 near Golden Lake. One could go on and on with all the wonderful memories that I have from living next to your family for years. May God bless us all.

Joe Gasperini - October 26, 2011 at 02:14 PM

SI

“ Murray was a lifetime member of the Iron Range Trail Club. He was an active member until he moved to Marquette. He was a groomer operator, and he helped on many trail projects thru the years. He also liked to take alot of pictures for the club. The club members tried to keep in touch with him thru the years. He was a valued member of this club, and we will all miss him. The club will make a donation to the Jabocetti home in his name.

Sherry Pangrazzi, secretary IRTC - June 07, 2011 at 09:11 AM

DP

“ My deepest condolences are with you in your time of grief. May you continue to find comfort in the memories that you all shared together and get comfort from knowing one day Sickness will be no more and Death will be a thing of the past. In times of grief such as these, I find it comforting to meditate on the words found in the Holy Writings at Job 14:14, 15. Job expressed his faith that God would bring him back to life if he should fall asleep in death, "All the days of my compulsory service I shall wait, until my relief comes. You will call, and I myself shall answer you." The scriptures indicate that it is possible to reunite with your loved one in the near future, right here on earth under peaceful, righteous conditions. Psalms 37:10, 11 offers us this promise. My sincere condolences to your entire family.

Dolon Peete - May 20, 2011 at 12:04 AM

PA

“ Dear Pete, Cathy, and Curt, We've been out of the country so I apologize for this late note of our sincerest loving thoughts to all of you. Uncle Murray was one of the most pleasant, kind men I have ever known. If more people had the attitude about life that he possessed, this world would be a better place. His life was filled with joy, kind acts, and love. We are all better people for having had him in our lives. May you always smile when you think of him; may his memory warm your hearts. Our thoughts are with you always.
Paulette and Larry

Paulette - May 19, 2011 at 02:58 PM

GL

“ dear family being the oldest niece of uncle murray , I always remember how very sweet and charming he was, He was always a great man to be around His generous nature, and kindness. my sincere love and sympathy to all of you. his loving, niece gayle.

gayle T. lewis - May 15, 2011 at 02:30 PM

CD

“ Dear Family, Sending my deepest condolences to each one of you. Your father was such a special uncle to me. One of my fondest childhood memories was watching him, in his Army Uniform, march with such honor and dignity, in the Stambaugh Parades. Uncle Murray continually demonstrated genuine interest in each and every family member, adults and children, alike. I felt so proud and blessed to be one of his many nieces. He was a great man who lived a very commendable life. There is comfort in knowing he is now in heaven with many of his precious loved ones. With Sympathy and Love, Chris Westerdahl Daniels

Christine and Marc Daniels - May 15, 2011 at 09:23 AM

LG

“ Dear Baker family, I am Murray and Helen's neighbor down the road on Passamani Rd. He sure was a great guy, I'm glad to see he lived a long life. He would have done anything for me. One day he showed up at the house with a swing for my front yard that he and Helen had sitting around. Another day he brought his famous garlic bread down for me and my girls, wow that was good! We looked after each other for many, many years, I have sure missed him on our road since he moved to Jacobetti. My condolences to the family, Ashley and Marquette. Lori

Lori Griffith-Babler - May 14, 2011 at 03:56 PM