



Clifford Trask

April 16, 1925 - April 16, 2009

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP - Clifford C. Trask, 84, of N 4578 County Rd. 607, Breitung Township, died Thursday, April 16, 2009, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on March 18, 1925, in Joggins, Nova Scotia, Canada. He immigrated to Detroit with his parents, the late William and Anna (Brown) Trask. Cliff joined the United States Navy during World War II and served aboard the Navy Sub Chaser PC 612.

During his service to our country, Cliff received a Christian tract from his sister, which changed his life forever. He understood he was a sinner in need of a savior. He bowed his head and heart before his Lord Jesus Christ and put his trust in Jesus Christ who had paid the penalty for his sins.

He sought to live out the rest of his life in a way that would glorify God. After his time in the Navy, he drifted his way to Alaska, where he worked for over a year constructing the Alaska railroad. He had several migrant farmer jobs, including picking cotton, carrots and citrus in Arizona.

Cliff ended up coming back to Michigan in the 1940s and met Ruth Hansen, who became his wife on Oct. 20, 1949. Together, they moved back to Mesa, Ariz., for a brief time before returning to the Iron Mountain area in the 1950s.

Cliff worked for Perfex and later as a diesel truck mechanic for Cummins Diesel, Mack Truck and ended his career with the Dickinson County Road Commission, where he had worked for most of his life.

He attended and was active at the Balsam Street Christian Church. He was also involved with Big Brothers-Big Sisters, NAMI and was a strong supporter of AA and Al-Anon. Cliff enjoyed Rosemaling and making wooden furniture. He loved to plant and tend to his trees.

Cliff is survived by his sons, Stephen (Barbara) Trask of Breitung Township, Scott (Pamela) Trask of Breitung Township and Joel Trask of Oconto, Wis.; and a sister, Roblene (Wayne) Dillon of Lafayette, Ga. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews of the Hansen family and nephew, Craig (Anne) Russet.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth in 1995, a brother, Earl William Trask and a sister, Rochelle Russet.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Balsam Street Christian Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the church. Larry Neargarth will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Clifford Trask may be expressed online at www.evnashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

FS

“ Dear Steve, Scott & Joel,
We sorrow not, even as others which have no hope but he still will be missed but will always cherish the memories of Uncle Cliff & Aunt Ruthie we had down through the years. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. Uncle Cliff knows the reality of this now.
God's richest blessings, Frederick & Karen

Frederick & Karen Schmitt - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Trask Family,

Many blessings and conitnued prayers for our beloved Uncle Clifford who has joined our Father in Heaven.

We wish you all our deepest condolences in this time of emptiness, although we know he's rejoicing in the glory of God.

Love from afar,

Larry and Sherry Schmitt

Larry Schmitt Jr & family - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Trask family,
We are sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Rodd and I are now living in Tennessee so we were unable to make the funeral but please know that you have been in our thoughts and prayers. Joel please know that Rodd sends his condolences and would of loved to have visited with you and would of been there if we were not so far away. Rodd and Doreen Wilson*

Rodd and Doreen Wilson - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Scott, Steve and Joel, I was so sad to hear about your dad. My prayers are with all of you. I know that Uncle Cliff is reunited with Aunt Ruthie, and together they are celebrating in Heaven!*

I have so many wonderful memories of all the family picnics there at the homestead in the yard, and in the A-frame. Uncle Cliff always made those times so special.

Let us rejoice in knowing that this is only a temporary separation, and one day we will all be together again, in Heaven with our Lord, singing praises! What a family reunion that will be!

Jeanne (Willis) Bellamy - April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *We are saddened to hear of the death of your father. He was a fine man who will be remembered fondly. You are in our prayers.*

Lee and Barbara Carlson - April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *Scott Trask:*

My sincere condolences to all your family on the lose of your father. I am certain the Lord and your mother will welcome your father with open arms. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Frank LANDSEE - April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM