



Gerald F. "Popeye" Brackett

August 20, 1930 - October 7, 2014

Gerald F. "Popeye" Brackett, 84, of Kingsford, died Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. Gerald was born August 20, 1930 to Frank and Eva (Prenevost) Brackett. He graduated from Norway High School in 1949 where he excelled in athletics as the quarterback of the football team all four years. He went on to serve in the US Army as a paratrooper during World War II. He married Mary (Farrington) on June 11, 1955 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford and they had two children. Gerald retired in 1988 from WE Energies where he worked as a Lineman/Relay Technician. Gerald had a real love for the outdoors. He never missed a deer season. He also enjoyed spending his time fishing the trout streams in the area. Gerald adored his grandchildren and spending time with all of his family.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Mary; his son, James (Karen) Brackett of Kingsford; his daughter, Lauri (Dan) Oberdorfer of Kingsford; his 7 grandchildren, Jaime (Ian) Powell, Angela (Jessie) DeBacker, Luke Oberdorfer (Fiance, Paige Guth), Bridget (Jason) Raiche, Justin Brackett, Katie Brackett, and Logan Brackett; and four great grandchildren, Meela & Benjamin DeBacker, Madison Raiche, and Cabella Brackett.

Gerald was preceded in death by his three sisters, Genevieve Tomasoski, Alice Roam, and Marie Lundin.

Visitation will be on Monday, October 13th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Kingsford Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday, October 14th at 11:00am at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Gerald Brackett may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Mass

OCT **14** (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to the Brackett family, Gerald was a good friend for many years and I will miss him very much. I always enjoyed working with him at the Power Company and we shared many laughs together over the years. I feel very honored to have known him.*

Bill Cotton

William Cotton - October 14, 2014 at 09:17 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gerald F. "Popeye" Brackett.*



October 10, 2014 at 09:52 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gerald F. "Popeye" Brackett.*



October 10, 2014 at 12:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerald F. "Popeye" Brackett.*



October 09, 2014 at 05:44 PM



“ *Dear Brackett family,
I am so very sorry for the loss of such a dear man. He always made us laugh and had a story to tell! My kids adored him especially Jacob. I will keep you all in my prayers grandpa "Cuddy" will be truly missed by our family!*

Trulock family - October 09, 2014 at 10:43 AM



“ *Mary, Lori and Jim,*

So sorry to learn of Gerald's passing. Please know Gerald was in our prayers over the last couple of years and he is now resting with the Lord.

I'm grateful to have know Gerald, he was always a pleasure to be around.

My most fondest memories of Gerald always took place in Republic. I'll never forget the time he fashioned a fishing reel for me out of a Michelob beer bottle.

Boy did I catch the Blue Gills out of Boys Lake with that bottle. He also taught me how to butcher a deer, a lesson I never forgot and will always be grateful for.

*Todd Gayan
Grand Rapids, Michigan*

todd gayan - October 09, 2014 at 09:09 AM