



Leo C. Fende

January 1, 1928 - September 25, 2020

Leo C. Fende, of Channing, passed away peacefully on Friday September 25, 2020.

He was born January 1, 1928 in Channing, Michigan, son to John and Virginia (Mikotis) Fende. Leo was raised in Channing, Michigan. He grew up hunting, fishing, chopping wood, pumping water, and walking miles through woods and by trout streams. He graduated from Channing High School, joined the Seabees, and subsequently graduated from Michigan Tech with his degree in Civil Engineering. He started work at the Standard Oil Refinery in Whiting, Indiana. He met his wife, Doris, in Chicago, and soon moved to Joliet, Illinois where he raised his family and worked at Amoco Chemicals for 40 years. In 2004, after the death of Doris, he moved back to the U.P. and lived at Lake Ellen until 2014. He attended church at Grace Presbyterian in Sagola. From 2014-2020, he lived in Crystal Falls at Iron County Medical Care Facility.

Leo is survived by one brother, Ivan Fende (Karen) of Marquette; a son, John Fende (Lynnette) of Channing; a daughter, Laura (Fende) Finney (Mike) of Channahon IL; five grandchildren, John Fende Jr. (Amber), Chris Finney (Cara), Adam Finney, Tyler Finney, Andrew Finney; six great-grandchildren, Jeffrey Fende, Jordan Fende, Ella Pickett, Addison Finney, Leo Finney, and Isaac Finney; many loved nieces, nephews, and dearest friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris; a sister, Jean (Kaltinger); and two brothers, Lawrence and Frank.

A graveside service at the Channing Cemetery will be held October 10, 2020 at 1 pm.

Condolences to the family of Leo C. Fende may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **10**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DJ

“ My deepest sympathies to Leo’s family. I worked with Leo for many years at Amoco Chemical in Joliet. You could not find a kinder or more thoughtful man. We shared many laughs. (And who could forget Leo’s laugh?!) He will definitely be missed.

Debra Jurvich - September 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

JT

“ John and Laura, Sorry to hear of our loss. Leo was a great neighbor and we loved his sense of humor. He really enjoyed life and he did it his way. Joe and Lois Turk

Joe Turk - September 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MB

“ Laura and John,
Our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. We have so many fond memories of living next door to your mom and dad and both of you in Glenwood Manor. Our prayers are with you.
Mary and Bob Brenzewski

Mary Brenzewski - September 30, 2020 at 10:19 AM