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Ralph R. Kops, Sr., age 87, passed away Monday, September 9, 2019. He was born March 17, 1932 in Muskegon, MI to John W. and Elsie L. (Staple) Kops. Ralph graduated from North Muskegon High School with the Class of 1950. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during the Korean War. Ralph married Ellen C. Niesen on November 3, 1951 in Muskegon and she preceded him in death on June 13, 2012. Prior to retiring in 1986, Ralph worked as a maintenance mechanic for 43 years at the S.D. Warren Papermill. He was also a member of the Muskegon Heights Eagles and the Don Rea VFW Post #8846 and enjoyed golfing and fishing out on Lake Michigan in his boat. Survivors include his 3 children, Jeffrey G. (Kathleen) Kops, Ralph R. Kops, Jr. (Mary Male), Kristi A. (Carl) Carmean; 4 grandchildren, David Kops, Sarah (Coty) Kuhn, Hannah Carmean and Kathryn Carmean. In keeping with Ralph's wishes, there will be no services. For those wishing to make an expression of sympathy, please consider Hospice of North Ottawa Community. Arrangements handled by The Lee Chapel, Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St, Norton Shores, MI 49444. Sign the guestbook online at www.sytsemafh.com



Tribute Wall

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TL

Tim Lanning posted:

Ralph, Kristy and Jeff, I am so sorry to here about your dad, didnt know that your mother passed. I have lots of great memories at your place, the sleep overs and baseball and whatever other trouble we got into. Your folks were always so welcoming to me and my family.Tim Lanning

September 13 at 6:32 AM

TG

Tom Gill posted:

I knew Ralph. I worked with him at the mill.Good mechanic.Nice guy.Rest in peace. Tom gill

September 12 at 1:32 PM

MW

Mark Wikman posted:

Jeff, Ralph & Kristil remember many fun day's spent with the Kops family. Ralph & Ellen were great people who always welcomed others into their home. I remember the many basketball and badminton games I played at their house. And my kids always enjoyed their last stop on Halloween at the Kops house where they were treated with a large bag of treats.Great memories, with great people... They will be truly missed.Mark Wikman

September 12 at 4:22 AM



Scott Rosema posted:

I spent many summer days shooting hoops in Ralph's driveway with good friends Jeff, Ralph Jr, Mike, Mark and many others. One day, Ralph (or Mr Kops as I always referred to him) was out in the garage and when the b ball rolled his way, he picked it up took a shot; he missed sinking it in the net but he flung it so hard it rattled the backboard. We all had a good chuckle and he smirked as he went back in to the garage muttering "That should count for something.." :)He and his family were (and are) very good people. I was always welcome in their house (a privilege I'm not convinced I always deserved) and it will always be a good memory.I will smile up into the night sky in his honor.Scott Rosema

September 11 at 3:40 PM

ND

Nancy Dolle posted:

Kristi, Ralph and Jeff,Sorry to hear of your dads passing. Kristi, it must be a higher power was at work because your name popped into my head just the other day and I sent a prayer your way.with thoughts and prayersNancy (Coon) Dolle

September 11 at 8:07 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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