



John Garrity

November 13, 1922 - February 27, 2016

John Garrity, 93, of Kalkaska, passed away on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on November 13, 1922 in southern Michigan to the late Patrick and Beatrice (Doyle) Garrity. Survivors are his nieces, Laura A. Kelly, Esther H. Ableidinger, Carolyn Bruning, Cynthia Mills, and Sharon LaBrecque, all of Alpena; and a lifetime of friends. John was found by his nieces after he was listed on their mother's obituary as her surviving twin. He had been institutionalized when they were 15. She found out about his disappearance when she came home one day and he was gone. She tucked John and her sadness away and did not speak of it, not even to her husband. John has been a resident of Kalkaska since 1985. You cannot be in the same room with John's nieces and doubt the overwhelming love and devotion they have for their Uncle John. When family members began visiting on a regular basis, John would get up very early to wait expectantly by the window. When asked what he would be doing that day, John—never a talker—would say, "My family is coming." The local Big Boy knows John is part of a family and the table is set for Uncle John when they see him coming. Hot fudge brownie cake (which the nieces say, in wonderment, was also their mother's favorite) is always ordered and eaten. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:00 pm with visitation beginning at 4:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. Pastor Kim Hough of Garfield Country Church will be officiating. Burial will be at the family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family

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Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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