



## Orville "Orv" Bourdon

April 5, 1918 - September 17, 2011

Orville Francis Bourdon, 93, of Traverse City, Michigan died at home on September 17, 2011. Orville was born April 5, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan. He was raised in Jackson, Michigan, the second son of the late Roy and Edna Bourdon. He served in the in the Armed Forces during WW II in France and Germany as an Automatic Rifleman and was honorably discharged in November 1945. Orville met the love of his life, Janis Mae Sliter at Jackson High School. They were married shortly after graduation in 1938, and spent 73 loving years together. Orville began working as a shoe salesman while still in high school and continued managing several shoe stores before going into the insurance business in his 30's. He retired from Metropolitan Life after 25 years to pursue his love of traveling with Janis, hunting, fishing, cooking, drawing and bird carving. He was proud and caring father and grandfather, and a devoted husband. Orville was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jack(Leona), sisters Jerry(Climer) and Mary Jane, and grandson, Scott David Carnick. Orville is survived by his wife Janis, his sister Pat (Duane) Lambert, brother-in-law Jim (Jerry) Climer, his children Tim (Karen) Bourdon, Dan (Kathy) Bourdon, Nanette (Bruce) Carnick and Cathy Follansbee, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. All who met him were enchanted by his genuine warmth and friendly outgoing nature. At his request there will be no official service but we will hold a "wake" or gathering at Sleder's in Traverse City, October 15 at 4:00 PM for friends and family to share "Orville" stories. For those who wish to honor his passing with a contribution the family

requests donations be made to the Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation, Traverse City, MI. or Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements were made with Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

# Tribute Wall



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January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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