



Phillip Ellis Coan

November 21, 1933 - February 4, 2017

Phillip Ellis Coan, 83, of Kalkaska, passed away at his home surrounded by his wife and children on January 19, 2017. He was born to Frank and Bertha (Derler) Coan on November 21, 1933 in Olney, IL. Phillip was one of thirteen children. Phillip served his county with the US Air Force and received an honorable discharge. He worked in the oilfield industry for many years before deciding to switch professions from oil to water. In 1978 he moved his family from Olney, IL to Gaylord, MI and then again in 1981 from Gaylord to Kalkaska to start C&C Water Well Drilling where for the last decade of his life it was his honor and privilege to host the kids fishing pond for the National Trout Festival. When not working his passion, he could be found at the table eating or playing cards with family and friends (mostly poker). The Coan family motto was "I'd rather owe ya then cheat ya out of it." Phillip is survived by his wife, Ruth (Blank) Coan; son, Vern (Lori) Coan of Kalkaska, daughter, Robin (George) Gipson of Merrillville, IN, daughter Lois (Jim) Nation of Kalkaska; grandchildren, Chadwick Duran, Gavin Coan, Levi Nation, Garrett Coan, Katherine Nation, Nicholas Coan, all of Kalkaska, and his grand dogs Liberty, Two Face and Zeus. Phillip was preceded in death by his daughter Margaret (Coan) Duran. Phillip has been cremated and a Celebration of Life Gathering and luncheon will be held on Saturday, February 4th, 2017 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in the basement of the Kalkaska Church of Christ (1725 W Kalkaska Rd). In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations for the grandchildren's educational fund. Checks may be written to Ruth Coan c/o

106 S. Cherry St., Kalkaska, MI 49646. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillip Ellis Coan*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Phillip Ellis Coan*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *The Bissonette Family sends our love, prayers, and thoughts to all of the Coan family. We love you!*

Aimee Bissonette - January 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Ruth and the entire Coan family. I am here if you need me .*

Laura Casey - January 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM