



Vincent "Jim" DiRosa

July 20, 1935 - February 10, 2014

Vincent "Jim" DiRosa, age 78, passed away at his home in Mancelona on Monday, February 10, 2014. He was born on July 20, 1935 in Detroit to Frank and Julianna (Sav) DiRosa.

Jim met the love of his life, Judith Alma Ponder, on a blind date in the fall of 1956. After a whirlwind 6 month romance, they were married in East Detroit on May 18, 1957.

Jim proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army. He was a Detroit police officer for 10 years before moving to the Mancelona area in 1967. Jim and Judy worked side by side as owner/operators of Twin Lakes General Store for 27 years. They sold the store and retired in 1994. Jim and Judy were married for almost 43 wonderful years when Judy passed away on January 6, 2000.

Jim married Joanne "Dodie" Keaton, a long-time close friend of the family in February 2001, until she passed away on March 8, 2004.

Because of being born and raised in the Detroit area, Jim was a big Detroit Tigers, Lions and Red Wings fan. He loved reading the Detroit paper as well as the Traverse City Record-Eagle. Jim enjoyed traveling, cooking for his family and going to the casino. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and was also a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kalkaska.

Jim is survived by his devoted children, Janet (Mike) Piscopo of Midland, James (Amy) DiRosa of Rapid City, and Jeff (Susan) DiRosa of Rapid City; his 6 cherished grandchildren, Vinnie, Zach, Emily, Dominic, Daniel, and Katee;

his 2 precious great-granddaughters, Grace and Nora; his dear mother, Julianna DiRosa of Kalkaska; and his loving sister, Connie (Jim) Marion of Grand Blanc.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith; his 2nd wife, Dodie; and his father, Frank.

Funeral services for Jim will be held on Friday, February 14, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home with visitation being held the hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the spring at Clearwater Township Cemetery. Memorials may be given in Jim's honor to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2470 Beebe Road, Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Condolences may be left for the family online at www.wolfeoneill.com.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ Vincent "Jim" DiRosa

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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