



Walter M. "Joe" Garchow

February 12, 1944 - June 30, 2011

Walter M. "Joe" Garchow, age 67, passed away at his home in Fife Lake, on Thursday, June 30, 2011. He was born on February 12, 1944 in Clare to the late Fredrick and Bertha "Delphina" (Stevens) Garchow. Joe married the former Diane Woodruff on April 4, 1975 in Traverse City. He served proudly and honorably in the United States Army from 1962 - 1972. He served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Joe made his living as a carpenter and in the oil field industry. He loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family and friends. Some of the things Joe wanted people to remember about him were that he loved his family, loved his kids, that he was a "baby magnet", an animal lover, a loyal Vietnam vet, that he was great outdoorsman, and that he was known as Pampaw or Papa Joe. Joe is survived by his devoted wife of 36 years, Diane; his loving children, Walter "Ray" (Portia) Garchow of Fife Lake, Marty (Jody) Garchow of Mancelona, Jesse (Nerene) Garchow of Kingsley, Marla Garchow of Fife Lake, and Madison Williams of Fife Lake; his 10 cherished grandchildren, Ryan, Autumn, Mikayla, Raeann, Tyler, Joshua, Raven, Jessica, Justin, and Ayshya; and his dear sisters, Rosemary (Bob) Brown of St. Cloud, FL, Rosilee Thompson of Clare, and Mariette Chamberlain of St. Johns. A memorial service for Joe will be held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home with visitation taking place an hour prior. Condolences may be left online at www.wolfeoneill.com. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



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