



Wilbur J. Sohn

June 28, 1926 - May 22, 2013

Wilbur J. Sohn, 86, passed away on May 22, 2013 in Kalkaska. He was born on June 28, 1926 in Lansing, to the late August and Anna (Ott) Sohn. Wilbur was a veteran and served in the US Army 1944 – 1946, first as a radioman in Luzon, Philippines and then as a cook in occupied Japan. Upon return from the army Wilbur married Nina Mae Taylor on Nov. 5, 1949 and she passed away on March 2011. Wilbur was the custodian at St. Gerard Parish for 33 years and was affectionately called “Uncle Wilbur”. He was always there for the students of St. Gerard Elementary offering them a kind word or joke, correcting them when they misbehaved or even helping them search through lunchroom trash to retrieve a misplaced orthodontic appliance. Wilbur seemed to befriend the kid that was a little short on luck or the one that was having a tough time with a teacher. He taught problem solving and conflict resolution long before they were educational buzzwords. Wilbur role-modeled a caring, compassionate attitude for students and staff alike. Surviving Wilbur are his children, William (Patricia) Sohn of Kalkaska, Richard (Catherine) Sohn of Loomis, CA, Lorraine (James) Wolcott of South Boardman, Anna Sohn of Lansing, Teresa (Joseph) Phillips of Eaton Rapids, and Colleen (Steve) Coulter of Santa Ana, CA; 14 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later time. Memorials can be given to Kalkaska Memorial Eden Center, 419 S. Coral, Kalkaska, MI 49646. Condolences can be left online for the family at www.wolfeoneill.com. Arrangements were made by 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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