



William "Bill" Chase

September 1, 1922 - November 14, 2014

William "Bill" Chase, 92 of Kalkaska, passed away on Thursday, November 14, 2014 surrounded by his family at Munson Hospice House. He was born on September 1, 1922 at home in Traverse City, the son of the late Raymond Joy and Rose (Brezina) Chase. Bill attended St. Francis School from elementary through high school in Traverse City. He enlisted in the US Marines on September 21, 1942. He participated in the Bismarck Archipelago Operation and the consolidation of the North Solomon Islands. Bill was awarded numerous medals including the Liberty, Expert Marksman and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in October 1945 and remained a proud Marine. Bill married Avanell "Nellie" McFarren on August 28, 1948 in Traverse City. Together they raised their sons in Traverse City, Battle Creek and Farmington Hills. Bill worked for Michigan Bell until his retirement as an engineer in 1982. Nellie and Bill then retired to Kalkaska. Bill was active in setting up 911 in the area. He was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church and VFW Kalkaska Post 8684. Bill sang in a barbershop quartet, enjoyed square dancing with Nellie, loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, boating, camping and traveling. His family and his faith always came first. Bill is the loving father of Gary (Doralie) Chase and Steven (Colleen) Chase; devoted grandfather of Chris, Heather, Brianne, Amanda, and Shelby; great-grandchildren Owen Mayberry, Collin Chase, Macy Koke, Dakota Chase, Emilia Koke, Max Koke, Calista Naudi, and additional one on the way. Preceding Bill is death is his beloved Nellie, wife of 60 years; and sister,

Dorothy Fifarek. Viewing will be on Tuesday, November 18th from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home. The rosary will be at 7:00 pm. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am at St. Mary of the Woods. Military honors will be provided by the Kalkaska VFW Post 8684. Burial will be at Memorial Garden Cemetery in Traverse City. Condolences can be left online at wolfeoneill.com. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



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