

Raymond George Gibson

(December 8, 1932 - July 9, 2014)



Mr. Raymond Gibson, 81 of Ubly, passed away Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

Raymond was born on December 8, 1932 in Fairhaven, Vermont to the late Raymond B. Sr. and Elizabeth (Jones) Gibson. He married Louise Briolat on September 14, 1957 at St. John Catholic Church in Ubly.

Ray attended St. Mary Catholic High School and was a graduate of Fairhaven High School, Fairhaven, Vermont. Ray served as a Marine in the Korean War. He received a Purple Heart, UN Service medal, Good Conduct medal, National Defense Service medal, Korean Service medal and a Silver Star medal. Ray was a member of the American Legion Post # 197 of Harbor Beach. He worked in sales and retired from Icon Paper Company in Detroit in 1998. Ray and Louise then moved to Ubly, but enjoyed travelling to Arizona and Florida. Ray was a member of the Ubly Community Club and Ubly Heights Golf and Country Club. He enjoyed fishing, reading and the tractor pulls at the Ubly Homecoming.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Louise of Ubly; two daughters, Richell (Paul) Leslie of Raleigh, NC, Doreen (Jimmy) Elliason of Raleigh, NC; three grandchildren; four sisters-in-law, Sophie Sawle of Clinton Township, Florence (Frank) Mattis of Dearborn Heights, Martha Krug of Bad Axe, Joann (Richard) Stros of Port Hope; one brother-in-law, Richard Krug of Ubly.

Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Denice on September 27, 1990; his twin sister, four sisters-in-law and their husbands, Gertrude (Stanely) Glaza, Ruth Krug, Ann (Ira) Leppek and Irene (Lou) Osentoski; five brothers-in-law, Ken Sawle, Vern Krug, Stanley (Gladys) Briolat, Clemence (Fran) Briolat, Ervin Briolat.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 am Saturday, July 12, 2014 at Good Shepherd Parish, St. John Church in Ubly, Rev. Charles Hammond, pastor will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors.

Visitation will be at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly on Friday from 1:30-8:30 pm and Saturday from 10:00-11:00 am at St. John Church only. There will be a parish vigil service Friday evening at 7:30 pm at the funeral home.

Memorials have been requested to St. John Building Fund or the donor's choice.