

## Archie H. Hyttinen

(July 28, 1924 - March 1, 2014)

Archie H. Hyttinen age 89, of Lake Twp. died Saturday morning, March 1, at McLaren, Bay Region Hospital following a three month illness.

He was born July 28, 1924 in Kelsey, MN to the late Henry and Katherine (Seppanen) Hyttinen, who emigrated from Finland. After high school, at the age of 18, during WWII, he served in the Aleutian Islands Campaign in Air Transport Command ATC 19 as an Aircraft Power Plant Mechanic. When the war ended, he enrolled in trade school and became a pattern maker, working at various shops in Denver supporting mining.



On June 5, 1949, he was united in marriage to Jean L. Hill in Denver, CO. Then in 1952, they moved to Michigan, settling in the Detroit area supporting the automotive industry. In 1972, he started his own pattern and model making business in Royal Oak and worked until he retired in 1989, whereupon they moved to the home he had built in 1963, in Lake Township.

He was the last surviving of seven children, Toivo Hyttinen killed in WWII, John Hyttinen, Leonard Hyttinen, Eino Hyttinen, Tyyne Matson and Ann Wilder. Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Jean; four children, Douglas Hyttinen of Orlando, FL, Patricia Hyttinen, of Albuquerque, NM, Lawrence Hyttinen of Abingdon, MD and Katherine Hyttinen of Vallejo, CA

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. His many hobbies included making astronomical telescopes and traveling. He especially loved playing the violin at various places and his picture was occasionally in the newspaper playing the violin. Archie's passion was making and playing violins at nursing homes and outdoor festivals, including the Octagon Barn log cabin events, Sleeper State Park and more. He had made many violins, never selling them, always given them to family or friends.

Funeral services will be conducted 2:00 PM Thursday, March 6, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Elkton. Rev. Rodney Schwab, pastor will officiate with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

The family will receive friends at the church from 11:00 AM Thursday until the time of services at 2. Memorials may be directed to his church and words of condolence may be shared at [www.cfcElkton.com](http://www.cfcElkton.com).