



Kenneth Winkel, 81, was united with his high school sweetheart of 58 years on July 24, 2013, after fighting kidney cancer since October 2010 and lymphoma since February 2012.

Ken was born on June 6, 1932, in Harbor Beach to the late Richard and Louise (Schnidenbach) Winkel. He and Nellie Ann Frayer were united in marriage on Feb. 25, 1952.

They moved into the family farm where he farmed and worked at Huron Milling Co. Ken decided to go into construction where he has worked for Booms Construction and Sobczak Construction. Ken was a partner with R. Hogan Construction and also Wasmiller Electric. He also owned his own construction business as well as working with his brother Ernie. Ken enjoyed working and missed the hard work and the people he got to know after his retirement. He also enjoyed his trips to Arizona to visit his granddaughter Liz. Ken liked to hunt and play cards, but work was the thing he loved the best.

He is survived by his children: Joy (Pat) Folman of Coon Rapids, Minn., Jeff (Carolyn) Winkel of South Boardman, Lori (Chester) Klaska of Palms, and Chris (Paula) Winkel of Harbor Beach, 15 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and his siblings, Marge (Robert) Boliere of Florida, Irene Layer of Bad Axe, Ernie (Arlene) Winkel of Harbor Beach and Florence (Harold) Robinson of Florida. Ken is also survived by his in-laws, Earl (JoAnne) Iseler of Rockford, Dorothy Parker of Farmington Hills, James (Lorraine) Frayer of Belington, [W.Va.](#), Charles (Pat) Sommers of Coopersville, and many nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his wife, Nellie Ann, parents, Richard and Louise Winkel, brother Norman Winkel, sisters-in-law: Rhoda Iseler and Alma Sommers, brothers-in-law Carl Frayer and William Frayer.

Funeral Services for Ken will be Saturday, July 27, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with Rev. Dennis Cuperly officiating. Burial will follow in Rock Falls Cemetery.

Visitation for Ken will be on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. until the time of services at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.