

# Walter Cook

Jan 18, 2016



Walter Cook, 95, passed away peacefully Jan. 14, 2016, at the Huron County Medical Care Facility in Bad Axe surrounded by his loving family.

Walt was born on Feb. 17, 1920, in Sigel Township, to the late Frank and Bernice (Duda) Kurcharczyk.

Walt sailed the Great Lakes in the early 1940s. He worked in the automotive industry in Detroit and in 1945 returned to Sigel Township for a career in farming.

Walt and Minnie (Osentoski) were united in marriage on Oct. 13, 1945, in Ubly. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family in Frankenmuth. After 40 years of farming he retired in 1985.

Walt's motto throughout life was 'to make the best better' and lived this through his community and civic involvement. He served on the Thumb Electric Board of Directors for 38 years. He was director of the Federal Land Bank Association of Caro, president of the Michigan Land Bank Association, vice-chairman of the Huron County Soil Conservation District Board, vice-chairman of Huron County Zoning Board of Appeals, member of Council on Aging as well as serving on Parish Council at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Since retirement he became actively involved with the Port Hope and Harbor Beach Senior Clubs. He loved polka dancing, playing euchre, crop touring and talking about farming and current events.

Walt is survived by his loving wife, Minnie, and five children, Marge Lanzi, Lorraine (Dan) Beechuk, Gloria (Charlie) Seitz, Clare (Sue) Cook, Wayne (Linda) Cook. In addition the grandchildren, David (Theresa ) Lanzi, Paul (Heather) Lanzi, Kimberly (Jason) Brown, Robbie (Robyn) Beechuk, Wendy (Glenn) Joslyn, Tyler Cook, Zachery (Sarah) Cook, Jason (Rhonda) Cook, Alicia (Dick) Dondineau and great-grandchildren, Josh Maloney, Jessica Joslyn, Tom, Natalie and Katie Lanzi, Tenley and Carson Cook, and great-great-grandchild, Lulu Maloney.

He is also survived by sister, Gertrude Oberski, and sisters-in-law, Edith Cook, Rita Cook and Lucille Glowzinski and Chet and Martha Leppek.

He is preceded in death by Bill and Mary Cook, Clem and Cecelia Cook, Phil and Gladys Cook, Albert Oberski, Gordon and Sylvia Cook, Carl Cook, Leo and Angeline Grifka and Albert Cook as well as 17 in-laws.

Funeral mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. William Spencer officiating.

Visitation for Walt will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 20, 2016 at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach. The Knights of Columbus Rosary will be at 7 p.m. with a Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation on Thursday will be from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your charity of choice in Walter's name.

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