



Byford Lyle "Biff" Karns

January 10, 1920 - December 30, 2013

Age 93, passed away on Monday, December 30, 2013 at Arbor Hospice Residence in Pittsfield Twp. He was born January 10, 1920 in Eldorado, IL, the son of Edward Dow and Mary Etta (Harrelson) Karns. He was a graduate of Eldorado High School Class of 1933. On August 22, 1938 in Jackson, MO, he married Mary Lorene Wheeler and she preceded him in death on November 20, 1992. Biff was a mechanical engineer and past president of Local #190 Plumbers and Pipefitters of Ann Arbor. He was a member of the Army Air Corp during World War II and was also a member of the Howell American Legion Post #0141. Survivors include two children, Ted Lyle (Helen) Karns of Pinckney, MI and Marilyn Sue Finkbeiner of Saline, MI and grandchildren, Cheryl Ridge, Michael Hedding, Terry (Tina) Karns, David (Kelly) Karns and Tim (Amy) Karns, ten great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren, and brother, Norval (Lela) Karns. In addition to his wife, Mary, he was preceded in death by his grand-daughter, Mari Lynn Hedding and his second wife, Ardith Gies, one brother and one sister and his son-in-law, Albert Finkbeiner. Cremation has taken place. A gathering of his family will take place at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice. To sign Biff's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Byford Lyle "Biff" Karns*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *We at Howell First United Methodist Church miss him and we will be praying for the family in this time of grief. He always was a blessing to me and a support of my ministry here at the church.*
Rev. George H. Lewis

Rev. George Lewis - January 02, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ *It was such a blessing when Biff joined our family when he married my mother Ardeth. we had some great times visiting them in Gulf Shore Al. and then at Orange Beach Al when they went down for the winter. We had fun playing golf with them and going out for fresh fish, shrimp (Biff cooked them) and him trying to get me to eat oysters. Never happened.*

We would go to Howell to visit them and go out for lunch and have great visits. When my mother became ill he was there to take care of her and did such a wonderful job keeping her happy until her passing. We still went to Howell to visit Biff and go to lunch or just visit until his move to Saline. We enjoyed the time he was part of my family and I will miss my Step Dad and my girls grandfather very much. He was such a kind and gentle man. Rest in peace Biff and we will meet again some day. Love and prayers to his family during this time. I will miss his him so much.

Kathryn Gies Allman - December 31, 2013 at 08:17 PM

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“ *May the love of family and friends bring you peace and comfort. Biff will always be remembered as a caring, generous man.*

Rose Atkinson - December 31, 2013 at 01:59 PM