



Obituary

Born: Saturday, December 21, 1929

Died: Saturday, April 18, 2020

In Loving Memory of
Ralph Stanley McNeil Batman
December 21, 1929 - April 18, 2020

Passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, at the age of 90.

Predeceased by his wife Frances Batman (nee. Ferguson). Loving father of Dennis of Sudbury, Paul (predeceased) (Jackie) of Little Current and William (Cheryl) of Sault Ste. Marie. Grandfather of Rebekkah (Brian), Matthew, Phillip (Erica), Kyle (Leeann) and Cory (Rhonda). Great grandfather of Andrew, Ashton, Brandon, Bryce, Griffin, Evie and Maible. Predeceased by his siblings Ruth (Harold) and Gerald and siblings-in-law Doug Ferguson, Patricia (Harold) Clark, Ruth (Roy) Dunlop and Wilhelmine Batman.

Service Summary

Private Interment

Location: - *Not available* -

Ralph Batman was a lifetime resident of Sheguiandah and thoroughly enjoyed a long and happy life on Manitoulin Island.

Ralph worked a number of jobs as a young man driving the mail truck, trucks at the quarry, a labourer at Manitoulin Gardens, a tinsmith assistant and other scarce jobs in the '40's. In 1950 he trained under Rudy Joly and soon opened Batman's Plumbing and Electrical. He was an excellent tradesman who developed a wealth of skills through the years. Later in life he started Batman's Trailer Park and worked timelessly to expand the business each year and achieve a huge success. When retiring at 69 he thought he'd like to do it all over again and even better. Ralph was an extremely social man who thoroughly enjoyed running a business that exposed him to so many people from near and far.

Ralph and Frances (Ferguson) were married at 21 years of age and built a small home on the Batman Homestead in 1950. Raising three sons was their number one priority and they made an outstanding parenting team. Ralph could never do enough for his sons right up to the very end.

Hard work and a positive attitude allowed him to meet success in all of the goals and challenges he faced in life. Ralph always had a well thought out plan ahead of time whether it involved marriage, family, work, the unexpected or pleasure.

In his retirement years he spent hours socializing with the people of Manitoulin, especially at many auctions. In recent years he and Deanna attended as many church and community dinners and events as possible. We often

wondered where he got all of his energy and enthusiasm. His family was fortunate to spend his 90th birthday with him in November when he was still in good health and could enjoy their company to the fullest. Ralph was blessed with a long and rewarding life because of his social skills, good health, positive attitude and dedication to hard work. So many people have recently commented on what a gentleman he has always been. We shall miss him dearly and remember him well.

A private visitation will be held
at Island Funeral Home
on Tuesday, April 21, 2020
followed by a private family interment.

A memorial service will be arranged at a later date.

Donations may be made in Ralph's honour to
Daffodil Terrace in Sudbury,
Canadian Cancer Society
or Manitoulin Centennial Manor Aux.