



Crescent J. Canavera

October 13, 1921 - January 20, 2013

CRESCENT CANAVERA NIAGARA TWP, WI- Crescent J. Canavera age 91 of Niagara Township, Wisconsin, passed away Sunday, January 20, 2013 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He was born in Niagara, WI on October 13, 1921, the son of the late Stephen and Emma (Brown) Canavera and grew up on a dairy farm in Niagara Township. Crescent graduated from Niagara High School and served his country in the U.S. Navy and served for three years on the USS Boyle, a destroyer in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific Theaters. He left the Navy in January 1946 and worked in Milwaukee as a licensed welder. Here he met and married Grace Dinger from Iowa and married her in 1948. She preceded him in death on March 25, 1982. In 1954 he bought his father's farm and moved back to Niagara Township. Here he ran this family farm until his retirement in 1987. Crescent believed in community service and in Niagara Township, he served both as township supervisor and chairman for well over 40 years. In addition he was a member of the Niagara Rescue Squad in its early years, an organization he continued to support. He assisted many people over the years in these capacities, always available, always focusing on the issues of the township and its people. His greatest passion was the land. He enjoyed the long hours of farming, his time in the woods hunting and in his later years gardening became his passion. Crescent is survived by his two sons James and David; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; and his two sisters Aunnie and Joyce. Crescent leaves behind a legacy of hard work, independence, and the reliance on no outside entity to succeed. His love of the land, especially the Township of Niagara and its people will not be forgotten. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 25 from 10-12:30 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home with Fr. Larry Canavera officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ *he was a great neighbor,an a real trooper,kept the township financially stable,an got a kick when i got out out of the car an the dog chased me back in,he will be missed for all his devotion an concern for the township*

bob bjorkman and cookie cazzola - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Jim , Dave
Our thoughts and parayers are with you and you families. Your Dad was a true character, I'll always remeber his sense of humor, hunting season, card games in the A-frame, Friday fish Fires at the Rialto and especially his double billed "I'm their Leader" cap.*

Al & Lisa Lindeman - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Many fond memories of summers and holidays up on the farm. Loved Uncle Crescent's sense of humor. He was one of a kind! Thoughts and prayers with Jim, David and their families.*

Joe Heydens - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *Dear Jim, Our sympathy to you and your family. You are in our prayers. Ed and Jenny Sauld*

Edward A. Sauld - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Our sympathies...keeping you in prayer.*

Trinity Bjorkman - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *Remembering with you fun times on the farm with your Dad as we were growing up. Thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Sue*

sue zukowski - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM