



## Stanley "Slip" Carlson

November 30, 1921 - March 15, 2018

FAITHORN- Stanley "Slip" Carl Carlson, age 96, died on March 15, 2018 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born in Faithorn, MI on November 30, 1921, son of the late Tycko and Mary (Isaccson) Carlson and lived almost his entire life in Faithorn.

Slip graduated from Hermansville High School in 1938, worked in Chicago before answering the country's call to serve in WWII. As a member of the 1st Engineer Combat Battalion, he fought in three amphibious landing battles in North Africa, Sicily, and the D-Day invasion at Normandy, Omaha Beach, as well as the Hurtgen Forest in Germany. "I spent my 21st birthday crawling across the desert in North Africa with my rifle," Slip reminisced. For his service, he received five Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart Medal, and a Distinguished Unit Badge.

He married Bethel Reid at the Faithorn Methodist Church on December 28, 1948. They raised eight daughters, first in Vulcan, and then moved to a farm in Faithorn in 1961.

Slip worked at the VA Hospital for 27 years, primarily as a boiler plant operator. While working full time, Slip, with his wife as his partner, raised animals and grew a large vegetable garden on the beloved Carlson Farm. After retirement, they traveled the U.S, but were always ready to return home to the Upper Peninsula, "God's Country."

Slip was a member of the American Legion, lifetime member of the VFW, DAV, and the First Infantry Division - "Big Red 1." Also, a member of the Faithorn United Methodist Church, Norway Lodge #362, Free and Accepted Masons, and charter member of the Northland Beagle Club.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Slip lived a full Michigan life in the outdoors. He shot his first bear at age 16. A child of the Depression, he understood the value of a dollar. Slip earned \$12 peeling pulp as an 11 year-old to buy his very first gun from the Sears

catalogue. He was a passionate fisherman, especially loved fishing brook trout, and when asked where he caught some beautiful trout, Slip's standard reply was "in a creek!"

Slip will be remembered as a consummate storyteller of childhood memories, family adventures, and hunting and fishing tales. He was blessed with an exceptional memory that helped him relive his life through stories and was a font of knowledge, be it history, events, dates, people, and the natural world. He often spontaneously recited poetry at family gatherings, special events, and the Long Branch Bar.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Bethel Carlson, daughters Amy (John) Brendemihl, Grace (David) Gorringer, Mary Beth Carlson, Nancy Carlson, Lorraine (Tony) King, Martha (Alan Yoshimura) Carlson, Lizabeth (Jim) Keller, and Trudy (Michael) Stachowiak, beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren, sister Vida Peters, and many dear extended family members and friends.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the special care given by the staff at the VA Hospital. The dedicated care and warmth they showed Slip were a blessing to the family. We thank God for the gift of his life and the many years we had to spend with him.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 22 from 4-7 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, March 23 at 11 a.m. at Faithorn United Methodist Church in Faithorn, with Pastor Irene White officiating.

Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery.

Family request memorial contributions may be made to the Faithorn United Methodist Church or the Faithorn Fire Department.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

Faithorn, MI 49892

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

MAR 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faithorn United Methodist Church  
Faithorn, MI 49892

# Tribute Wall

SG

“ I just saw an interview with this guy and was very impressed. He's my kind of guy and sounds like he was a hell of a Buck hunter and fisherman. I wish I'd have had the pleasure to meet him and listen to him tell hunting stories. Seemed like a tough and proud veteran too. RIP and I hope he's chasing bucks in the Happy Hunting Grounds.

Scott E Ghisletta - November 14, 2024 at 01:03 AM

JM

“ Bethel,  
Craig and I want to extend our condolences on the passing of Slip. You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. He was one dynamic individual.

Bless you all Craig and Jeanne Muncaster

Jeanne Muncaster - March 25, 2018 at 02:42 PM

HB

“ My sympathy to Bethel, all his girls, family, and all who knew Slip. He was a character, we all liked him and his big smile. He told interesting stories about the military and I always recall Bethel smiling at him while he told those stories. Bless you Slip, your family and friends will miss you.

holly biolo - March 25, 2018 at 10:22 AM

PH

“ Dear Bethel, Ken and I were sorry to get this sad news. Ken has so many wonderful and exciting memories of his adventures with Slip. He loves to share these stories with friends from time to time. Ken would say Slip was a truly great man, one of a kind. We send our sympathy to you and your family, and pray for God's blessing and peace at this difficult time. Pat and Ken Hepp

Pat and Ken Hepp - March 22, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Stanley "Slip" Carlson.



March 21, 2018 at 02:21 PM

BR

“ Bethel and Carlson Family

We were sorry to read of your loss. "Slip" was a great guy and of "the greatest generation" Our sympathy to you and your family. Good memories of the basketball tournament trips. Take Care and God Bless

**BILL & ELLEN ROBERTS**

Bill & Ellen Roberts - March 21, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Stanley "Slip" Carlson.



March 21, 2018 at 12:11 PM

MC

“ I only knew Stanley for a short time but I enjoyed talking to him about hunting, fishing his time in the war and his life on the farm. I am sure he will be greatly missed! God Bless, Mark Chaperon USMC Ret

Mark Chaperon - March 20, 2018 at 05:22 PM

PS

“ Paul and Alisha Jarosh and Sons. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stanley "Slip" Carlson.



Paul and Alisha Jarosh and Sons. - March 20, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Stanley "Slip" Carlson.



March 18, 2018 at 09:46 PM

BS

“ Bethel and Carlson girls

*Very sorry to hear of the loss of Slip.*

*I will miss his wisdom,humor and stories. He was one of a kind. He had one of the best handshakes of any man I know or knew. A true Faithorn Man*

*Bill Schoonover Jr*

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**Bill SCHOONOVER** - March 17, 2018 at 08:51 PM



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**Ortman Funeral Home** - March 17, 2018 at 09:20 AM

BC

“ Dear Bethel, Amy, Grace, Mary Beth, Nancy, Rainie, Marty,

*DeeDee and Trudy, We are so sorry to hear about Slip's*

*death. Our hearts go out to you all. Slip was a legend, a*

*dear friend to our family. He is in a better place...and we*

*sure hope he and my dad have found each other all ready*

*so that those two old friends can once again share stories of their hunting*

*escapades. You continue to be in our thoughts and prayers. Bob and Kitti Costa*

*Colassacco*



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**Bob and Kitti Colassacco** - March 16, 2018 at 02:55 PM

AB

*Bob, I hope all is well. I remember a plethora of great times we had at Doc Costa's Camp with Doc, Slip, Mitch, Tony, Patrick, Little Art, and us. If I remember correctly I think you and I slept on adjacent cots in the kitchen of that camp. I always thought it was so neat that Doc and Slip always called each other their "Old Partner".*

*I'll never forget the time I spent at Doc's Camp with you guys and my Grandpa.*

*Thanks.*

*Andrew M Bray*

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**Andrew M Bray** - March 16, 2018 at 09:43 PM

CT

*To dear Bethel, Amy, Nancy, Grace, Raine, Marty, DeeDee, Trudy, Mary Beth and Marty: My heart breaks for all of you. Although we feel such gratitude in our hearts that we all have been blessed with such great fathers who lived long, meaningful lives, the sadness of losing them is not lessened by their long lives. I pray you all carry the best of memories of your dad as I know I will. From the first time I met him at Mike and Nancy's wedding, I knew he was a great man with a big heart and an amazing smile (one that you all should be so happy you inherited!). He will be missed but never forgotten. Love to all! You will always be a part of my family! Carrie (Axtell) Temple*

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**Carrie Temple** - March 30, 2018 at 04:52 PM