



Willard J. LaMarche

March 23, 1919 - May 8, 2013

WILLARD LaMARCHE NORWAY- Willard J. LaMarche, age 94, passed away with his wife by his side on May 8, 2013 at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain. Willard was born on March 23, 1919 in Hurley, Wisconsin, the son of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Gardner) LaMarche. He graduated from Hurley High School and joined the Army Air Corp serving his country for 5 years during WWII. He married the love of his life, Crystal Marshall on January 20, 1943 in Ironwood, Michigan and the couple just celebrated 70 years of marriage. Willard and Crystal moved to Stambaugh, Michigan in 1953 and lived there for 50 years before moving to Norway, Michigan to be near their daughter. The couple raised their family in Stambaugh and Willard opened LaMarche Decorating in Iron River, Michigan where he worked as a painter/decorator until his retirement in 1981. Willard was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Iron River for over 50 years where he taught adult Sunday School and served as a Lay Leader and member of the United Methodist Men. Willard enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was a great story teller. He especially liked to tell stories about growing up in a large family of 9 children and tales of his days in the Army. He is survived by his wife, Crystal, one son, Fred (Phi) LaMarche of Northfield, MN; 3 daughters, Patricia (John) Dedo of Norway, Kathleen (John) Pieper of Munising, MI and Carol LaMarche (George Hamlin) of Green Bay, Wisconsin; 10 grandchildren, Emily, Brian, LeeAnne, Nathan, Ryan, Matthew, Rebecca, Luke, Chad and CJ; and 11 great grandchildren. Willard was preceded in

death by 3 sisters and 5 brothers, his granddaughter, Laura and great grandson, Cal. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 13 from 10-11 a.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church in Norway. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church with Pastor Irene White presiding. Interment will be held at the Stambaugh Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *What a long life with so many smiles.
I remember his joy and humor. What a great man!*

Jack Anderson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *We just heard of Willard's passing. Our heart goes out to the family, especially Crystal. We will never forget the memories we forged on Lincoln Ave. and the memories of Willard painting for my folks. May he rest in peace and God comfort you in your loss.*

Dave & Barb Adamson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *My prayers go to you Mrs. LaMarche and your family. My mom, Lucille Hals, would often talk of Willard and his painting. I am happy to know you with family.*

Jean Gollakner - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Mr. La Marche was a true Christian man. He was always smiling and so kind to all. He and Crystal were an inspirational presence at Wesley. Our condolences and prayer to the family.*

Bob and Betty Weeks - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Carol and Family, You are in Our Thoughts an Prayers, may the days ahead, give you strength an encouragement by just knowing, all your Family and Friends, through Prayers, will get you through these difficult moments in time. Thinking of You Carol, George an CJ. Lots of Love, Lori an Bob

Lori an Bob Kitslaar - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM