



Howard H. Finkel

October 30, 1919 - December 26, 2020

Howard Herman Finkel, age 101, passed away Saturday, December 26, 2020, with his loving wife Della by his side in Courtney Manor Nursing Center of Bad Axe.

Howard Spent his entire childhood and adult life, a total of 73 years, on the family farm, on Finkel Road, Port Hope. After he retired, he moved to Harbor Beach where he lived the last quarter of his century. He graduated from Port Hope High School. In addition to farming, he worked for ASCS (Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service) for 35 years, 18 of those as Chairman. He was a lifelong active member of St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, serving as Financial Secretary and Usher.

Howard was dating Della Neal when he was involved in a serious farming accident which left him unable to walk for over a year. She stayed by his side throughout and they married on December 30, 1950. On December 30, they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

He was known for his quick wit. Howard had a joke for every occasion and he maintained his sense of humor up to his last few days. And those who knew Howard well, knew his passion for woodworking and metal projects. His metal "Yardbirds" grace many of the family backyards. He was a perfectionist when it came to projects. If you tried to help, you were watched and critiqued until it was completed up to his standards. Another retirement interest was completing the daily newspaper crossword puzzle which he did up until recent months when his loss of vision took this joy away.

He was preceded in death by his brother Floyd Finkel and sisters: Stella Ruppel, Mildred Pochert and Grace Warnez. He is survived by his wife Della, son Brian (Nancy) Finkel of Sterling Heights, and daughters: Jo Carol (Elwin) Kautz of Melvin, and Brenda (Frank) Kover of Cape Coral, Florida, 13 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place. Due to the Covid -19 Pandemic, a memorial service will be

scheduled for a later date. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Comments



“ Rob and I have known Howard and Della for 20 years. He was such a kind and gentle man. Always had a joke or two to tell. We will truly miss him. So sorry to the Finkel Family. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to you all.



Rob and Nancy Veldman - January 02 at 08:56 PM



“ Howard was a special man - so kind, friendly and loving! I enjoyed the time I spent with him and so appreciate his Yardbird present in our backyard! He will forever be a special memory and you are all in my heart!
Love, Shelli (Kover) Lorenzo

Shelli Lorenzo - January 01 at 08:44 PM



“ To the whole Finkel Family, Howard and Della are both wonderful people. I remember visiting there farm way back when I was pretty young, maybe 7 or 8. Anyway they were very nice, goofed around, and was alot of fun, and super nice. I enjoyed going to their house. Also remember visiting jo-carols house in the city, I enjoyed her kids, they were around my age, and we always had fun. Even though I did get a little homesick, just because we never went to sleep over much. Haha. Then there is Brian and Nancy ,well when I stayed at their apartment, I got the chickenpox. What the heck, I was itching and remember they made me wear socks on my hands so I wouldn't scratch them. Well thank you all for the fun in the past. Good luck and God Bless your families. We love you, Charlene Kubacki

Charlene kubacki - December 30, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ I have known Howard and Della for many years,wonderful fun peopleHoward always had a smile and witty saying when I would see him!God Bless him,and I will keep Della and her family in my prayers!

Renee Ezack - December 28, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ We will really miss Grandpa’s handsome and loving smile, his jokes, quick-wit, stories, and his hugs. He gave the absolute best hugs in the entire world. What an incredible accomplishment to live to 101 years old. I selfishly wish we could keep you for 101 more. I am so thankful for all of our memories. I try so hard to focus on them and remember all of the good times. We love you so much.
Love, Melissa, Aaron, and Madison Hout

P.S- Happy 70th wedding anniversary to you and Grandma in 2 days.
#marriagegoals



Melissa Hout - December 28, 2020 at 09:25 PM



“ My father Gerald Pochert's memory has dimmed now, and although he's a man of few words, we always knew there was a special place in his heart for his Uncle Howard. His face lit up when he fondly recalled visiting him as a child in Port Hope and Harbor Beach. He especially loved being at the farm.

It's amazing how much he remembered from over 90 years ago about what life was like on the farm. Going back to when Gerald was around five years old, his parents would drop him off at the farm for a week at a time. He treasured those days and very much looked forward to them. He always liked to highlight the differences for us between life then and now. I can almost picture the glow at night as the adults walked around with kerosene lamps.

Over many more recent years, Gerald and (my mom) Joan have always enjoyed their trips to visit Howard and Della in Harbor Beach. My brother Tom and myself (Sue) have been happy to tag along at times, and Howard would entertain us with his sly humor and favorite mementos. They were always welcoming and kind.

Gerald was inspired by Howard and his strength and independence into his golden years. Whenever he heard that Howard was doing well, things were somehow more right with the world. He will be missed; deepest sympathies from our family to yours as you honor the admirable life of a special man.

The Pochert Family - December 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Always will remember him from Port Hope Retirees! Always with a smile and truly devoted husband. They were a sweet couple!

Ed and Barb Kozlowski - December 28, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Pochert Family - December 27, 2020 at 09:19 PM



“ Gerald Pochert & Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement for the family of Howard H. Finkel.



Gerald Pochert & Family - December 27, 2020 at 09:01 PM