



Harold J. McTaggart

December 28, 1930 - May 2, 2016

HAROLD JOHN (H.J.) McTAGGART, age 85 of Port Hope, passed away Monday, May 2, 2016, at Courtney Manor Nursing Center of Bad Axe, surrounded by his family.

Harold was born December 28, 1930 at home in Sheridan Township, Bad Axe. He was the youngest son of the late Donald and Luetta (Gray) McTaggart.

Harold graduated from Bad Axe high School in 1949.

On May 5, 1951, he married Kathryn Ellen Woolner at the Nazarene Church in Gagetown. They would have celebrated 65 years of marriage.

Harold started his working career in June of 1949, with the Bad Axe Grain Company. In 1956 he moved his family to Port Hope to be the manager of the Port Hope location of the Bad Axe Grain Company. In 1958 he founded H.J. McTaggart Trucking. He and his wife Kay founded Thumb Farm Service, Inc. in 1971 with grain elevators in Port Hope, Ruth and Ubyly.

Harold was a past trustee for the Village of Port Hope, a volunteer fireman for the Port Hope Fire Department, a member of the Port Hope Chamber of Commerce, the Port Hope Boat Club, the Port Hope Flying Club, the Grindstone-Port Hope Sportsmens Club, and the Port Hope United Methodist Church. He was an active member of the Verona Hills Golf Club from 1964 – 2001. He was a past member of the Michigan Agri-Business Association, and the Michigan Bean Shippers Association. He also loved being a member of the ROMEO breakfast club, and the morning coffee group in Port Hope.

Harold and Kay traveled to Florida for 30 years, spending much of their time in

Zephyrhills. Harold loved to hunt deer and turkeys in Michigan, and he went to Colorado Elk Hunting for 26 consecutive years. His greatest passion was collecting and restoring antique tractors, and at one time had 100 tractors in his collection. He also enjoyed instant lottery tickets, and trips to the casino. Harold is survived by his wife Kathryn, three children: Alan (Judy) McTaggart, Jean Norton and her special friend Jim Sabotka, and Debra (Jerome) Lackowski all of Port Hope. Six grandchildren; Lindsey (Greg) DeJonge of Zeeland, Mark (Amanda) McTaggart of Traverse City, Autumn Norton of Bay City, April (Nicholas) Osburn of Mount Pleasant, Thomas (Kate) Norton of Port Hope, and Alex Lackowski of Port Hope; six great-grandchildren: Fynlee DeJonge, Henry DePottey, Carter & Charlotte Osburn, Michaela & Londyn Norton. One sister: Ellen Jean Maus of Bay City, one sister-in-law: Donna Woolner of Capac and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers: Neil and Donald McTaggart, brothers-in-law: Thomas Maus, Kenneth, James, Bernard, Alvin & Frank Woolner.

Funeral Service for Harold will be Friday, May 6, 2016 at 11 am at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach, with Rev. Mark Ryan, Pastor of the Port Hope United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the New River Cemetery. Friends may call at the Ramsey Funeral Home on Thursday, from 1-8pm and on Friday beginning at 10 am until the time of services at 11 am. Memorials may be offered to the Friends of the Port Hope Depot, the Port Hope United Methodist Church, or to the donor's choice.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

New River Cemetery

Port Austin, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Visitation

MAY 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
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Harbor Beach, MI 48441
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Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ramsey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold J. McTaggart



Ramsey Funeral Home - May 04, 2016 at 02:10 PM



“ Harold J. McTaggart

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ tony woolner purchased the Starbucks Coffee Co ndolences for the family of Harold J. McTaggart.



tony woolner - June 05, 2016 at 10:59 AM



“ my uncle harold was one of the nicest person any one could meet.yes he did love his hobbies,cars and tractors.i can remember one saying he would use allot and that's by golly.just sorry for the lost,and deepest sympathy,to my aunt and cousins in port hope.
kind regards
tony

tony woolner - June 05, 2016 at 09:51 AM

DK

“ Being a "Harbor Beacher" I was never as connected to many of the well-known Port Hope denizens as were my Port Hope cousins. But I will always remember the friendly greeting and teasings from Harold during my occasional trips to the Port Hope elevator, I was always surprised how he'd seem to remember who I was on the rare occasion of a run-in during a visit to the area. A fun and uplifting spirit to be sure. My dad (Vic) certainly thought a great deal of Harold. My sympathies to the McTaggart family.

Dale Kriewall, Avon, NY

Dale Kriewall - May 08, 2016 at 03:04 PM

KB

“ Harold was a great neighbor and friend who will be missed!! Our thoughts are with the McTaggart family.
Dave & Kelly Buchan

Kelly Buchan - May 05, 2016 at 07:33 PM

DF

“ To the family of Harold, from the time I was in grade school, every time I saw Harold at the elevator, at school or in town, he would stop what he was doing and ask how I was doing or what I was doing. I always looked up to him as an example of a leader, gentleman, father, and all around Great guy...one who one could patern their lives after. He will be missed by all! May God bless and be with your family in the days to come! Don and Linda Finkel

Don and Linda Finkel - May 05, 2016 at 01:27 PM

LX

“ Love Selene and Cassidy xoxo purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Harold J. McTaggart.



Love Selene and Cassidy xoxo - May 04, 2016 at 08:57 AM

PA

“ Patricia Arnold lit a candle in memory of Harold J. McTaggart



patricia Arnold - May 03, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold J. McTaggart.



May 03, 2016 at 06:22 PM

DF

“ Dale & Sarina McNeil & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Harold J. McTaggart.



Dale & Sarina McNeil & Family - May 03, 2016 at 03:15 PM

DE

“ Greetings, Harold was an anchor for Port Hope for the duration of time that he was a resident. Many a time he stepped up for our community and beat the odds. We will miss his great smile and his friendship. He will be long remembered in so many ways. Carol and I send our condolences to all of the McTaggart Family. Dean S

Dean - May 03, 2016 at 01:04 PM

PS

“ My Thoughts and Prayers to Harold's family. I met Harold in the late 70's when I called on him as a chemical rep for Stauffer Chemical Co. Harold was always friendly, helpful and willing to work with you in any way. He always love to talk about trucking and old tractors. The industry has lost a great man and a great supporter for Michigan Agriculture and his community.

Phil and Carol Schmiede

Phil Schmiede - May 02, 2016 at 07:38 PM

BR

“ Our friend Harold was like a brother and will be truly missed, but will remain in our hearts and memories always! Our thoughts are with the family...

*Love,
Art and Brenda Anderson*

Brenda - May 02, 2016 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Harold J. McTaggart.*



May 02, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ *We remember Harold as a good man, a hard worker, an asset to the community, and a friend to all. Our sympathy to the family. The Lord be with you.*

Gary and Carol Pawlitz

Gary and Carol Pawlitz - May 02, 2016 at 05:47 PM