



Orin N. Gahlau

January 29, 1936 - May 6, 2014

ORIN N. GAHLAU, age 78 of Port Hope, passed away Tuesday, May 06, 2014 at Courtney Manor Nursing Center of Bad Axe.

He was born on January 29, 1936 in Detroit to the late Norman & Dorothy (Kraft) Gahlau. Orin and Arnette May were united in marriage on November 3, 1963 in Grosse Ile. He then went to school at Maple Grove Elementary and graduated from Utica High School Class of 1954.

Orin retired from the US Navy in 1976 after 22 years of service, retiring as Chief Aerographer. Once they moved to Port Hope, he worked at Wilson Hardware from 1976 until 1982, and Heins Hardware from 1982 until 1988. Orin was a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope. Orin served on the St. John Lutheran School Board of Education from 1979 til 1981, and was a St. John Finance Committee Member, was a member of TRIAD, was a corporate observer for the National Weather Service for 16.5 years, and was a lifetime member of the Fleet Reserve Association. His hobbies included gardening, golfing and reading. Orin was highlighted in the book "Beward the Hurricane" written by Terry Tucker.

Orin is survived by his wife Arnette Gahlau of Port Hope, Sons: Rayne Gahlau and his wife Jodi of Macomb, and Shane Gahlau and his wife Kimberly of Wyoming, Michigan. 2 grandchildren: Joshua and Kayla, sister Gail (John)

Lukity of Sterling Heights, sister-in-law Mary Lou Gautz of Monroe, nephews: Terry (Kathryn) Gautz, Tom (Alesia) Gautz, Tim Gautz, Randy Rieck, Ryan Rieck, niece Rhonda (Jay) Woody, 7 great nephews, great great nephew Joshua Gautz and several cousins.

Funeral Services for Orin will be Friday, May 9, 2014 at 2pm at the St. John Lutheran Church of Port Hope, with Rev. Greg Eilers officiating. Burial will be in the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly. Visitation for Orin will be Thursday, from 1-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Friday will be at the church beginning at 1pm until time of services at 2pm. A scripture service will take place Thursday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 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>

Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. John Lutheran Church
Port Hope, MI 48468

Tribute Wall



“ *Orin N. Gahlau*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Shane, Rayne and Annette: I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of Orin. He was truly one of the nicest men I've ever met and I remember him always with a smile on his face and a friendly word for everyone. I have many fond memories of hot chocolate and fudge after plowing the driveway on snow days, or getting that welcome wave from the window after opening the road up with my Dad. Few people leave an impression on you 30 years later...your Dad and Mom are those kind of people.*

Gregg Witherspoon - May 09, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *Orin was very pleasant to speak with on the phone when he called in his weather observations. We could tell he took pride in his observations and we at the National Weather Service appreciated his commitment and good attitude. We are very sorry for your loss.*

Dan Thompson - May 08, 2014 at 04:08 PM



“ *SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, RAYNE AND SHANE. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH.*

JONI PILASKE - May 08, 2014 at 12:55 PM

HO

“ *My deepest condolences. Although I never met him in person, Orin was such a pleasure to talk to on the phone over the past 7 years since I started working at the National Weather Service in Detroit. He was always such a great help to us, and we all admired his dedication. We will miss him greatly. - Heather Orow, NWS Forecaster*

Heather Orow - May 08, 2014 at 03:56 AM

PF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Arnette and sons with the passing of their dear family member. He was a big part of my life as a child as was his Mom and Dad and this photo is how I remember him best. Now joining his parents in heaven...may his spirit be guided by the angels to his place of eternity. Pam (Stopin) Fields and Robert Fields*

Pamela (Stopin) Fields - May 07, 2014 at 05:22 PM

SP

“ *Schmalz Plumb/Htg lit a candle in memory of Orin N. Gahlau*



Schmalz Plumb/Htg - May 07, 2014 at 01:58 PM



“ *Rayne and Shane. I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have great memories of getting rides in the "batmobile" after basketball games and other events. My prayers go out to you, your mom and the rest of your family.*

Nelson Paschke - May 07, 2014 at 09:08 AM

JS

“ I am truly saddened to hear of Orin's passing. I only met him and Arnette a few years ago through our church finance meetings. I always sat next to them and I instantly felt welcomed by them and I thought, "These are such nice people". He was always so bubbly and always seemed to have a positive attitude about things. They loved to talk and it was fun to listen to them and the stories of how they met, their life in the military and of the kids. I really missed him when he wasn't able to come to the meetings anymore. He will be missed by many and I have been blessed to have known Orin and Arnette.

Jan Schulz - May 07, 2014 at 08:05 AM

AW

“ Al And Beth Welker lit a candle in memory of Orin N. Gahlau



Al and Beth Welker - May 06, 2014 at 09:15 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Orin's passing I remember him well, when he and his wife would shop at our local grocery store, where I worked at the time, he always had a smile on his face, always something funny to say. To the entire family I am so very sorry. cherish each and every memory you have.
Martha Popour

Martha Popour - May 06, 2014 at 08:23 PM