



Toivo D. Hietala

November 30, 1932 - June 3, 2014

Toivo D. Hietala, 81 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at his home. He was born on November 30, 1932 in Poplar, Wisconsin, son of the late Emil and Helen (Neikkanen) Hietala. He Attended school in Maple, Wisconsin, and graduated from Northwestern High School. Upon graduating from high school, Toivo enlisted in the United States Army. After being honorably discharged he returned home. He married Joan Maki on October 20, 1956 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waukegan, Illinois. Together they moved to Joan's Family farm near Deer Lake in 1972, and it has been home ever since. Toivo worked first as a meat cutter, then as a truck driver for Nash Rambler, then as a carpenter for Slivensky's, and finally and most recent he was the Janitorial Supervisor at the Forest Park Schools, retiring in 1986.

Toivo was a faithful member of the Louis-Bowman Post #87 American Legion in Crystal Falls. He was known to be able to fix anything, and when he did he would step back and say; "Now that is some of Toivo's Ingenuity". He loved hunting and fishing, and paling around with his buddies in the woods and at the family camp.

Toivo is survived by his loving wife of nearly 58 years, Joan Hietala of Crystal Falls; a son, Donald J. (Jennifer) Hietala of Hyland, Michigan; a daughter, Beth Hietala (John Murray) of Escanaba, MI; grandchildren, Eric, Lauren, Tony, Laura, and Ethan; sisters, Joyce (Bert) Bunnell, Linda Pearson, June

Endres, Phyllis (Dale) Leinonen, Gail Richmond, Lorraine (Frank) Ruckovena, and Ethel Hoover; brother in-law, Gerald R. (Ellen) Maki near Denver, CO; further survived by many nieces and nephews.

The visitation is set for Friday, June 6, 2014 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal falls. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Pastor Doug Johnson will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery. The Eastside Veterans Council will accord full Military Honors at the grave.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Toivo Hietala online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Dear Joanie and family,

I was sadden to hear of Toivo's passing. He was always such a kind and caring gentleman. I am glad that I got to know him a little during my life time. My condolences to you and your family.

Wee Hawks and family

Marion Hawks - June 11, 2014 at 07:52 AM

KA

“ I was sorry to hear of Toivo's passing. I didn't know him personally because I was much younger than him. I am the daughter of John & Ethel Nykanen (Helen's brother John). I knew the entire family and visited often with my parents. I also went to the same schools as Toivo. Sending my sympathies to all of my cousins and to Toivo's wife Joan. May God Bless each of you always~



Kathie (Nykanen) Nikula (email kjnikula@centurylink.net)

Kathie(Nykanen)Nikula - June 09, 2014 at 01:06 PM

CF

“ Condolences to my Hietala cousins and families.
Clarence Falk

Clarence Falk - June 07, 2014 at 03:25 AM

MC

“ I am saddened to hear of Toivo's passing. I didn't know him well as he moved away many years ago. However, I had the chance to speak with him briefly when he was here for Willie's burial and he reminded me so much of my father and brothers who have long passed. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort and may he rest in peace.



Mary Sweeney (Hietala) - June 06, 2014 at 04:04 PM

LW

“ Lorna Willis lit a candle in memory of Toivo D. Hietala



Lorna Willis - June 05, 2014 at 10:42 AM

LW

Sorry Beth on the loss of your Dad, and Joani, so sorry...

Lorna Willis - June 05, 2014 at 10:43 AM

MG

“ Michelle Graves lit a candle in memory of Toivo D. Hietala



michelle graves - June 04, 2014 at 07:44 PM

EV

“ Dear Joan & family, Toivo was truly a blessing to his family many relatives & friends. He was a Special person making every one feel welcome in his presence.He certainly will be missed by all. Love & prayers for all of you. Elaine & Jim

Elaine VanProyen - June 04, 2014 at 04:23 PM