



Leo Edward Conkin

September 6, 1937 - February 22, 2011

Leo Edward Conkin passed away in Kalamazoo, Michigan at 1:08 PM on February 22 at Select Specialty Hospital.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, February 26, at the Dey-Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph, with Pastor Bill Laird officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held from 9:30 until the time of the service, Saturday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Church of Christ. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Leo was born on Sept. 6, 1937, in Monette, Arkansas to Oscar and Maggie (Gauf) Conkin. He and his wife, Barbara (Kowalski) have been married for 54 years. She survives in addition to 4 children: Debora (Bruce) Blanton, Bunita "Bunnie" (Scot) Woods, Leo Jr. (Teresa) Conkin, and Virginia (Keith) Kierstead; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Linda Boswell, Lula Poe and Mike Conkin.

He was preceded in death by his father Oscar; mother Maggie; 2 daughters, Barb & Brenda; 4 brothers, Shirley, Frank, Don, and George; 1 sister, Patricia. Leo served as an elder at St. Joseph Church of Christ on Niles Road. He worked in tires for 52 years and previously worked at Elson Cabinet Co. in Riverside, MI and pumped gas as a second job for several years.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember the family get-togethers with him. MY GRANDPA his hugs were the luckiest things in my life. He wasn't only my grandpa he was my Best Friend. I remember, Raking the leaves, Feeding the squirrels and the most of all, The hugs. Cry every time I think of him. Wrote about him. Lost all the pictures I drew for him. But seeing him in my memory is enough. I remember the feeling of the tight but loving squeeze he gave me in a single hug. The " aren't you gonna give me a hug? " he always told me when I was about to leave Grandmas house. Going to the funeral was the hardest. I didn't get to say goodbye. Holding his cold hand at the funeral brought tears to my eyes. Living with you guys. Christmas, Thanksgiving. Seeing him was the most special thing in my life. Crying while i'm writing this. I love you Papa...

Caitlin Crouse - November 24, 2014 at 04:15 PM

IC

“ Dear Grandma,
I know things aren't the same at home, every time i walk into the house, I always wish I could see him, have one more conversation with him, and sit on his lap and get sympathy from him like he always gave to me when I was small. Aliza and so many other new babies in the family won't know him like my brothers and I did, he was an amazing grandpa and treated us just as if we were his own children. I miss him more that words could ever say, and I pray the family will be strong in this time of need. I love you all so very much!
Love always, Iggy Conkin-Crouse

Iggy Conkin-Crouse - August 12, 2011 at 05:44 PM

NS

“ Dear Barb and Family,
Leo was and is an inspiration to me. His spirit was always filled with a sense of humor, a love for all, and a devotion to God. A little of Leo still lives in all of us who knew him. I know that there is a place prepared for him with his Heavenly Father. Well done, good and faithful servant! All who love Leo are in our prayers. Neal and Joy
Story, Hartwell, GA

Neal Story - February 27, 2011 at 06:49 PM

BW

“ hello Barb,
I will keep you all in my prayers for strength and healing.
Hugs to you all,
Betty Weldon

betty weldon - February 26, 2011 at 01:30 PM

BW

“ Betty Weldon lit a candle in memory of Leo
Edward Conkin



betty weldon - February 26, 2011 at 01:28 PM

MF

“ Mrs. Conkin, Deb, Bunnie, Leo, and Virginia. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember him from when I was 17 and 18 years old and always had the utmost respect for him. He treated everyone around him with love and kindness. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Michael Fairbanks - February 25, 2011 at 06:18 PM

KW

“ *Kim White sent a virtual gift in memory of Leo Edward Conkin*



Kim White - February 25, 2011 at 05:30 PM

KW

“ *Kim White lit a candle in memory of Leo Edward Conkin*



Kim White - February 25, 2011 at 05:29 PM

DB

My sincerist condolences to the Conklin family. God bless you & be with you during this time of sorrow.

Debbie Burton - March 05, 2011 at 02:31 AM

KW

“ *Aunt Barb and Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you. There is nothing that can be said that will take away your sorrow right now, just know Uncle Leo is in a better place now. He will be greatly missed by everyone. He will always be the Uncle that always did the Duck voice. Love you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Kim

Kim White - February 25, 2011 at 05:19 PM

CC

Hey thats my papa I see him every night in my sleep. Life is rough without him.I remember 4 words he would say to me before I left my grandma and grandpas house and these are those words, "come give me a hug sweetie" I love him so very much He visits me every night and every day

-Caitlin Crouse

Caitlin Crouse - May 25, 2013 at 06:05 PM