

Melvin F. Statezny

Melvin F Statezny, age 90, of Crandon, passed away at the Crandon Nursing Home on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. If you look in a dictionary for the meaning of an angel, you will see him. He lived each day to the fullest, loving all that he did and all that surrounded him.

Melvin was born Aug. 11, 1926 in the town of Lincoln. His parents were Paul and Nina (Feight) Statezny. Mel's education was completed in the eighth grade at the one-room Range Line School in 1940.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carol Jean of Crandon. Together they had 7 children: Deborah (Kevin Brass), Dennis Statezny, Fay Statezny (Leslie Meyer), Orpha Paciorek (Mike Russell), Russell Statezny (Julie Bauknecht), Marsha Statezny (Jim Lamond II) and Beatrice (Jerry Collin). Mel is also survived by siblings, Ila (Babe) (Mike Hamblin) and Glen (Bud) (Kathy Statezny) and had a special mentor relationship with his nephew Gino Lamond. He had 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Marsha Statezny, son-in-law John Paciorek, parents Paul and Nina Statezny, in-laws Eugene and Marvel (Marsh) Lamond and brothers Ervin (Hazel) Statezny, Merle (Marion) Statezny, Johnnie (Alma) Statezny and sisters Grace (Earl) Mullins, Betty (Ted Kulinski and Bill Brigham).

He was drafted into the United States Army in 1944. He proudly guarded German soldiers during his service.

Mel was a logger, using horse-drawn sleighs. He participated in competition lumberjack events and eventually became a representative for Stihl chainsaws. Being an awesome mechanic and family man, he left the rep job and returned to Crandon to work with his father-in-law at Lamond's Texaco. The Texaco station business changed to Mel's Texaco with the passing of Eugene. During the ownership of that station, he sponsored many race drivers, provided the area AAA service and became very active in the community. He worked with Col. Rene' Brass and Col. Robert St. Louis Auctioneers enjoying the spotlight and making many friends.

He was a proud member of the Crandon Lions Club for 40 years, receiving the highest award, the Melvin Jones Award, twice. He was an active member of the American Legion Honor Guard. He was a volunteer worker for the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway for 47 years.

Since childhood, Mel was a terrific harmonica player. He performed at many events and made special trips to the Crandon Nursing Home sharing his talent with friends.

He was an avid hunter. He especially enjoyed hunting with his family.

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He was a wonderful family man, adoring his wife until his peaceful death. His family always came first and greeted them all with his beautiful smile.

Mel recently resided at the Crandon Nursing home and the staff was exceptional. Many members of the nursing staff went above and beyond the call of duty. As her family, we are forever grateful of the love and care given to him. Thank you.

The family would also like to thank the staffs at VA Hospital and clinic in Rhinelander, especially Leslie Bruns PA, ADRC, especially Janet Weber, The Forest County Social Services, especially Lisa Carter and Jenny Trick, St Mary Hospital, especially Dr Gregory Grzesik, Ministry Home Health Care, Ministry Hospice and Aspirius Home Health Care for their great care. The family would also like to thank Pastor Richard Rogers for his caring visits and comforting words.

Honorary pallbearers are Rob Newman, Scott Brass, Todd Brass, Christopher Statezny, Mitchell Statezny, Matthew Statezny, Jordan Bradley and Michael Peplinski.

A celebration of his life will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 at the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway barn, 10104 Highway 8 in Crandon. Rev Richard Rogers will officiate. Friends may gather from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Brush Run Barn. Private family burial will be held at a later date. Memorials preferred to the family.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

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