



## Jimmie Lee Pace

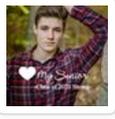
March 23, 1926 - October 13, 2016

Jimmie Lee Pace passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 90 years of age. He was the eldest of ten children born to Ben and Addie Mae Pace and was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. While his formal education was only sixth grade, he was very well versed in many skills that he had taught himself by reading books. He worked in the cotton fields of Mississippi until he was old enough to enlist in the Navy. He spent his time in the Navy on the U.S.S. Blue Ridge where he traveled and saw the world. After the Navy he traveled to Michigan where he would meet the woman of his dreams, while they were both working in the orchards in Benton Harbor. Jimmie and Eubon were married within weeks of meeting, love at first sight. They moved to Flint where he worked several different jobs before hiring in at the General Motors V-8 Plant on Vanslyke Rd. He retired in 1980 after working 30 years. One of his greatest accomplishments, as he would put it, was being retired from GM longer than he had worked. He was the proud father of four- Gary (Bonnie) of Estero Florida, Richard (Susan) of Lake, MI, Sherry (Mark Taylor) of Beulah, MI and Debra (Doug Harris) of Burton. He spent his life enjoying his hobbies; gardening, landscaping, repairing automobiles, auto body repair, photography and woodworking. Jimmie was a very caring and helpful man to others. He would plant a huge garden only to give most of it away. He was always stepping in and helping others whenever he could, driving them to the store, doctor's appointments even purchasing homes and renting to those in need. He befriended many people who would become his extended family. He was preceded in death by his daughter Debra Pace Harris in August of 2013, Father Ben, mother Addie, brothers George, Willie, John, Dave, sisters Birtie and Oller Rea and niece Trina. Even in the last couple of years of his life, which were spent in Benzie County, he would enlarge his extended family to include his caregivers at Frankfort Senior Care and Munson Hospice. He had the gift of gab and always made you laugh. He leaves a large void in the lives of his six grandchildren, thirteen greatgrandchildren, wife and companion for 68 years. Also surviving are his sisters Fran, Mary and brother Andy of Mississippi, special friends and neighbors of Burton and Fostoria. A cremation has already taken place and burial will be at a later date at the Great Lakes National Veteran's Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. Arrangements by Jowett Family Funeral Home in Frankfort, Michigan.



# Comments

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“ You are in my thoughts and prayers...Heidi, RN

Heidi Pelnar - November 03, 2016 at 06:03 PM

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“ Coming out to the lake house and spending time with him and Aunt Bonnie



Chrissy Boozer - November 02, 2016 at 07:22 PM

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“ Dad,

It has been many years since you invited me into the family as one of your children. I have enjoyed every minute of being around you and the family. May you rest in peace as you have done more than anyone could ask for by opening up your home and heart to me and others. you will always be in my memories and in my heart.

Love, Dave

Dave White - November 02, 2016 at 07:21 PM