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Calvin “Cal” Hildenbrand passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2019 in Grand Ledge, the day of his 92nd birthday. Cal was born to Ben and Maggie (Miller) Hildenbrand in the small town of Lehr, North Dakota. In 1936, at age nine, his family bought a trailer, packed up their belongings, and moved to Lansing in hopes of a better life in the booming city. Lansing provided just that for him and his family. He graduated from J.W. Sexton High School in 1945. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served his country in WW II in the Pacific Theater on the USS LST-800 ship. Upon returning to Michigan he met Ann Marie Borchert and the two were married on December 31, 1948 in Angola, Indiana. Together they had three children. He was member of the Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church for over 60 years.

Cal joined the Lansing Fire Department in 1951 and rose to the rank of deputy chief before his retirement in 1983. Always a hard and dedicated worker, he also built or oversaw the construction of hundreds of homes in the Lansing area throughout his life.

Cal was preceded in death by his wife, Ann, in 2005; daughter, Rebecca, in 1999; brother Vernon, in 2016; and a brother (James) and sister (Alice) who both died in infancy. He is survived by his daughter, Lynn (Michael) O'Berry of DeWitt; son Paul (Philip Rugel) of Kalamazoo; granddaughters Faye Hildenbrand of Lansing and Caitlyn O'Berry of Holt; two great-grandchildren, Christian and Elaine Hildenbrand; and brother, Elmer, of Skandia, Michigan.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at the Delta Center Cemetery on Thursday, March 14, at 1 p.m. Pastor Roy Atherton, Grand Ledge Fire Department Chaplain, will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that those wanting to make donations to the Lansing Community College Fire Science Program, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 201, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Arrangements by the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge.

Cemetery Details

Delta Center Cemetery

7382 W. St. Joseph Highway
Lansing, MI 48917

Previous Events

Military Graveside Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Lynn, Paul, Faye and family I am so sorry for your loss. I am so sorry we have drifted away and lost communication over the years. My prayers are with you all in this time of sorrow. Cathy Borchert Stevens

Cathy Borchert Stevens - March 16, 2019 at 01:14 PM

DB

“ My prayers are with you all. I have wonderful memories of spending Christmas eves together. I always enjoyed Uncle Cal. Thinking of you during this time. Deb Borchert- Styburski



Debra Borchert - March 16, 2019 at 09:56 AM

LG

“ I met Cal several times with Mack Hethorn. I was Mack's caregiver for over 2 years. He shared many memories of he and Cal and the fire department. Now both are in heaven with many fellow fire fighters.

LuAnn 'Lu' Gibbs - March 13, 2019 at 12:50 PM

GB

Cal was part of the small group of firefighters that got together when we would come to Michigan in the summer. Now just two of us. Gary Bogart

Gary BOGART - March 14, 2019 at 10:04 AM

JR

“ *Paul and family, I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Julie McNeilly Reynolds - March 13, 2019 at 08:32 AM