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George T Klippenes

(May 08, 1925 - February 17, 2013)

George T. Klippenes, age 87 of Brainerd, rejoined his parents on February 17, 2013.

He was the son of Charles and Nancy (Spohn) Klippenes, born on May 8, 1925. George grew up on the family homestead east of Brainerd and graduated from Crosby Ironton High in 1943.

George placed second in the Minnesota state agricultural test and was awarded a scholarship to the University of Minnesota. Instead, he felt the patriotic responsibility to serve his country and enlisted in the army where he became a paratrooper serving in Okinawa.

Upon discharge, he returned home to marry the love of his life, Bernice Tarbell. On March 6, 1947, they became man and wife.

George moved his family north to the Iron Range where he was employed by Erie Mining Company as a locomotive engineer. He also worked for the city of Hoyt Lakes as a Michigan front end operator and served the city as a volunteer fire fighter as well.

In 1964 George gave his life to Jesus, and Christ became the cornerstone of his life.
Every man that ever met George wanted to spend time with him, every woman in his presence felt warmth and acceptance.

George loved the outdoors; whether fishing, hunting or trapping. He continued to participate in farming on the family homestead his whole life. George actually means farmer, and that he was. Always mindful and ever grateful for the hard work that his parents went through to homestead the property. The deep love of his life was and is his bride - Bernice.
All men die, not all men live. George lived very well in a humble unassuming manner. Perhaps that is why he is loved by so many and will be missed by all.

He will be deeply missed by his wife of 67 years, Bernice; children, George, Donald, Jeff and Shirley (Klippenes) Boelter; 17 adored grandchildren and 22 adored great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service will be held on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 4-7 PM at Halvorson-Johnson Funeral Home, with prayer servcie at 6:00 PM, and one hour prior to the service at church.

Interment at Oak Grove Cemetery.

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