



## Vance L. Kincaid

November 11, 1921 - October 14, 2015

Vance Kincaid, beloved husband, father, grandfather, entered God's Kingdom Oct. 14, 2015 at age 93, surrounded at home by his family. He was born in Argonne, WI on Nov. 11, 1921, Armistice Day, to Leonard and Gerlee Mae Kincaid. He was a student at Northern Michigan College, Marquette, MI, when Dec. 7, 1941 WWII broke out. He enlisted in the US Air Force. 1st Lt. Kincaid served his country for 8 1/2 years as a pilot, navigator, and administrative officer. He was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, Galapagos Islands (submarine patrol), Alaska (Strategic Air Command), Guam, Japan and many US Air Force Bases. Medals awarded, Air Medal, American Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan). He met and married his wife, Gladys Hicks, at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL. They celebrated 64 years together on May 12. In 1955, they moved to a farm in Gobles, MI and feel it is the most wonderful place on earth. Vance co-developed The Sugarloaf Trailer Park in the 1960's. Most of his working life was in construction as a supervisor, estimator for the M.W. VanderVeen Construction Co. In retirement, he loved raising Belted Galloway beef cattle with his children, helping in family and church projects, being a 4-H and Boy Scout Leader, DAV member and voting in elections. Surviving are his wife, Gladys; their children, Michelle Thomas of Allegan, Vance II of Okemos, MI, Holly Thomas (David) of Gobles, Kreg (Lisa) of Gobles; grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his son, Ty, and one brother and four sisters. A graveside service will be held at Earl Cemetery, 3

PM Wednesday, November 11, 2015, a Compassion meal to follow at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Gobles, MI. Contributions in memory of Vance can be made to the Disabled Veterans of America, the Boy Scouts of Gobles, and the 4-H of Van Buren County. Arrangements by Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

Bethany Presbyterian Church  
202 W. Exchange  
Gobles, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vance L. Kincaid.*



November 09, 2015 at 05:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Vance L. Kincaid.*



November 09, 2015 at 10:22 AM



“ *37 files added to the album Life Tributes*



**D.L. Miller Funeral Home** - October 27, 2015 at 12:19 PM

EJ

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the Kincaid family! I got to know Vance when we were developing the snowmobile trail through his land. It didn't take long to realize what a great guy he was. Vance would go out and work on the trail to make it the best it could be, even to the point of catching poison sumac earning him a trip to the hospital for care. One time I asked him if I could deer hunt his property, he said well let's go for a ride, he thru me on the back of his three wheeler and gave me the grand tour showing me all the good spots. But eventually he took me to his tent blind with the easy chair in it he said you sit here and you'll get a deer, and I did! The world needs more Vance Kincaids! Rest in peace Vance!



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**Ed Jeschke** - October 24, 2015 at 05:30 PM

JS

“ Gladys...So sorry to hear of this loss...Praying that the love and support of those close to you will help during this difficult time...Judy (Dillenbeck) Stearns

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**Judy Stearns** - October 17, 2015 at 04:17 PM

RM

*mu heart pours out to all-sorry for your loss*

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**randy mccoll** - October 17, 2015 at 08:20 PM