



Joel S. Granger, a beloved husband and father, age 92, of Manistee went home with the Lord Saturday afternoon, August 1, 2015 at the Joy Givers AFC Home in Traverse City.

Joel Samuel Granger was born in Wellston on December 31, 1922, the son of the late Samuel and Elizabeth (Voelm) Granger. He was a graduate of Manistee High School, Class of 1941. On September 22, 1957 he was united in marriage to Frances Delores Krolczyk. She preceded him in death on November 23, 2014. He was a World War II veteran, serving as a Lance Corporal with the U.S. Marine Corps in the central Pacific. He

was retired, having been a local logger all of his life. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama.

Joel is survived by his children, James Granger of Traverse City, Tim Granger of Manistee and Jill Granger of Ann Arbor. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Pat Krolczyk of Manistee and June Krolczyk of Mineral, Washington and by several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Joel was also preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Krause and Pearl Buerger.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, August 6th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Onekama with Rev. Anslie Wagner officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery. The Manistee United Veterans Council Ritual Squad will provide graveside honors. The family will receive friends at the Johnson Funeral Home on Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and at the church on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

The family suggests that those wanting to remember Joel consider a gift in his memory to either the Salvation Army or Trinity Lutheran Church of Onekama.

Joel was known for his exceptional likeability, and is fondly remembered by everyone for his warm, beautiful smile that enabled him to connect with everyone he met. An avid sportsman and marksman, he successfully hunted into his 90's, inspiring hunters many years his junior. His children fondly remember his quiet gentle nature, faith, courage, kindness, humor, and unconditional love that made him a wonderful father.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation of Manistee. [www.johnson-funeral-home.com]