



Lewis "Bud" Stenberg, age 91 of Pentwater passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at home.

Bud was born at his family's home Twin Cedars on June 28, 1921 in Pentwater, the son of the late Arthur and Gertrude (Larsen) Stenberg. Bud graduated from high school in Pentwater, MI. He was the last surviving member of the class of 1939. From a very early age, he worked in the family commercial fishing business with his grandparents and uncle. On December 26, 1941, Bud enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He saw action in the South Pacific, including being a part of some of the first waves of fighting the Japanese on the island of Peleliu. Returning from World War II, Bud again worked in commercial fishing with his brother Fritz, and they were well known for their delicious smoked chubs. As the fishing industry in Michigan declined, Bud went on to work at DuPont in Montague, and eventually retired after many years at Harbison & Walker Refractories in Ludington.

Bud married Betty Jeanne Draper on June 30, 1946 in Pentwater. They enjoyed 62 happy years of traveling, rock hunting, ice fishing, playing cards, and spending time with family and friends. He went on many successful hunting trips "out West," but he was thrilled in 2012 to travel with his son Mike to the Stenberg family's original hometown in Sweden. Bud was especially known for his carving abilities. He gifted many personalized walking sticks through the years, and he created wooden ducks and other detailed projects too numerous to list. Bud never sat still. An early riser, he could often be found pulling weeds and watering his tomato plants. Besides his many hobbies, he helped family and friends build homes, businesses, and other varied construction projects. Bud was sharp as a tack, voraciously reading and staying on top of current events.

During his children's school years, Bud served on the Pentwater School Board. He was also a member of the Pentwater Fire Department. Bud really enjoyed helping shape his community by working on the Planning Commission. Especially proud of his military service, Bud was a charter member of the Eldon L. Chadwick VFW post 6017. In addition, he was an active participant with the Brett Witteveen branch of the Marine Corps League. In 2012, Bud and his good friend Bob Lorenz shared the honor of MCL Detachment Marine of the Year.

Bud is survived by his children: Sheryl (Jerry) Wygant, Dee (Don) Becke both of Pentwater, Cathy (Scott) Sibley of Powell, WY, and Michael (Jill) Stenberg of Manistee: grandchildren: Robin (Jim) Walicki, Susan (Brad) Tate, Megan (Randall Anderson) Becke, Whitney (Ryan Daly) Becke, Keri Anne Coleman, Barton (Holly) Stenberg, Kimberly (Ryan) Polcyn, Maggie

Stenberg, Krista Stenberg: great grandchildren: Lauren Walicki, Allison and Brady Tate, Jasper and Wyatt Anderson, Whispy and Autumn Coleman, Clair and Blake Stenberg, and Gavin Polcyn: sister: Ruth Moore of Irons: brother-in-law: Chuck Tyler, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Bud will be greatly missed by his constant companion and loving dog Daisy. Also, all of the special people in Bud's life who took the time to stop by and play a game of cards have been greatly appreciated.

Bud was preceded in death by his wife Betty, his parents, and his brother Fritz.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held in June. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in memory of Bud may be directed to the Eldon L. Chadwick VFW post 6017, P.O. box 545, Pentwater, MI 49449.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements with Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Ludington. Please visit Lewis' "Bud" personal memory page at www.oakgrovefh.com