



## Mr. Ralph Edward Dinkel

March 2, 1927 - February 4, 2010

Mr. Ralph Edward Dinkel passed away on February 4, 2010 surrounded by his loving wife and family at his side. He was born on March 2, 1927 in Bloomingdale, MI, the son of Robert and Fern Dinkel. Ralph was the middle child between Paul, the oldest child and his little brother, Charlie. Ralph was a man of the road and drove a truck for 65 years. He started driving to Florida, to deliver produce for the Grand Rapids Farmer's Market. Ralph also hauled pumpkins, jet engines and everything in between, while having a story for every mile that he traveled. Ralph served in the United States Army, in the Korean war. He carries a North Korean Bullet in his leg. He rarely spoke about his heroic acts and always played himself down--never wanting to be the center of attention. He was preceded in death by a grandson, Stan Burland Jr.; a stepson, Norm Burland Jr.; a stepdaughter, Jeanne Seals (Burland) and a son-in-law, Anthony McQueen. Ralph is survived by his wife, Jeannine; 8 stepchildren and their spouses; 28 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
936 Lake Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Ralph Edward Dinkel



Harper Funeral Home - February 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Ralph Edward Dinkel

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mr. Ralph Edward Dinkel

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ you will be greatly missed...now i dont know who to call to get directions from the atlas but deep down i know your in a better place and not suffering!!! Until we meet again##imported-begin##Jaime and family##imported-end##

February 09, 2010 at 10:05 AM



“ *Ralph, we will miss you more than you could imagine. You were a great grandpa to my kids and I will miss the stories you used to tell and sitting under the tree in your yard. We drank alot of coffee together and argued alot of politics( also with Ed Hinkley). I hope Stan finds you ands you guys can help eachother. We love you We will miss you, but never forget you.##imported-begin##Stan Burland and family##imported-end##*

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February 07, 2010 at 04:12 PM



“ *bye ralph I love you ,you were more than a step dad you were also my friend.##imported-begin##Kathy Burland##imported-end##*

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February 07, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ *We will miss you greatly Ralph, I wish I had been able to get to know you better than my few brief visits.##imported-begin##Jeanine Martha Burland##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2010 at 08:29 PM



“ *may you walk with the lord Ralph until we meet again on the other side. with love lynn & phylis##imported-begin##lynn & phylis digby##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2010 at 05:58 PM



“ *We will miss you Grandpa Ralph##imported-begin##Ed and Loretta Burland and kids##imported-end##*

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February 06, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ we love you ralph and will miss you,##imported-begin##Tom and Rita Verile##imported-end##

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February 06, 2010 at 03:43 PM



“ we love you.##imported-begin##amanda & mike & kids digby##imported-end##

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February 06, 2010 at 03:40 PM



“ We will miss you very much and you will never be forgotten. Until we meet again save a chair for me because by then I know you will have some new stories to tell. Bye for now!##imported-begin##Mark & Neva Verile & Family##imported-end##

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February 06, 2010 at 03:29 PM