



Mr. Charles Kamendat

July 17, 1921 - August 9, 2015

Charles Kamendat, 94, of Fort Gratiot, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on August 9, 2015. He was born July 17, 1921, in Hamtramck, to the late William and Anna Kamendat. He attended Port Huron schools. He married Maxine Huntsberger on January 15, 1949, in Ohio. She preceded him in death on June 9, 2015.

Charles was a veteran of WWII. He joined the U.S. Army in 1940 and served with the 59th Coastal Artillery. He became a POW from May 6, 1942 until September 29, 1945. He was captured on the island of Corregidor and taken by the ship Clyde Maru to Japan, where he was forced into slave labor, in the coal mines of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, for 3 years. He was kept at Fukuoka 17 – Omutu and infamous POW Camp.

Charles retired from Mueller Brass Company. He enjoyed photography, running, was an avid reader, especially histories of WWII, speaking to schools and churches of his experiences, and was a life member of the VFW. He was a member of Colonial Woods Missionary Church, where he served as a board member, deacon, head usher, and visited the ill in the hospital.

He is survived by his son, Garth (Joan) Fleming, grandchildren; Mark Fleming and Douglas (Michelle) Fleming, great grandchildren; Rachel (Ben) Aschauer, Erin (Tom) Gostinger, Kevin Fleming, Erica Fleming, Christina Giardini, Robin Krenke, and Vickie Fleming, great great grandchildren; Allie and Lila Gostinger and Parker Aschauer, and a sister, Mary Miller.

He was preceded in death by his brothers; Walter, Stan and Tony Kamendat,

and sister, Bernice Sanchez.

Funeral services will be at 12:00 pm on Saturday, August 15, 2015, in the Colonial Woods Missionary Church, 3240 Pine Grove Ave., Port Huron.

Pastor Phil Whetstone will officiate. Visiting hours will be from 10:00am until time of service at the church.

Military honors will be conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army and Veterans Honor Guard Alliance.

Memorial contributions can be made to: VFW National Home for Children.

Arrangements by: Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Ave., Port Huron.

View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Allied Veterans Cemetery

3965 Gratiot Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Colonial Woods Missionary Church
Port Huron, MI 48060

Funeral Service

AUG 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Charles Kamendat.*



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“ *From your friends and fellow comrades at VFW Post 796, we offer a final salute to you and our most heart felt condolences to your family. You will be missed!!!*

Alan Piper, Quartermaster

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“ *Chuck was a Great American to the very end. It was my distinct pleasure to assist and know this American Hero for the better part of 60 years. He will be forever remembered as a kind and gentle man. Why he slip into eternity, he was greeted by a host of family and friends and Jesus, the one he lived his life for. May God Bless those that mourn his passing.*

*Dan Crocker
USMC*

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I got to know Charlie through my dad who worked with him at Mueller Brass. Charlie and my dad would often use my department as a short cut to their department. When I was in Vietnam my dad would always mention in his letters that Charlies was asking about me. It was years later that I learned that he was a former POW which made it clear why he was concerned for me while I was in combat so many years ago. Several years ago while on vacation and while Charlie was still in fairly good health I took my oldest grandson to meet a real Hero. Charlie and Maxine were most cordial and appreciated the visit. Sincere Condolences to his family and friends.

*Dave Crocker
Clinton, MD*

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