



## Leonard M. Skalsky

March 9, 1925 - October 6, 2014

Leonard Skalsky, 89 year old resident of rural Swanville, MN passed away Sunday, October 6, 2014 at his home in rural Swanville, MN. A Funeral Service will be held at 12 P.M. on Thursday, October 9, 2014 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Father John Odero officiating. Burial will be at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. on Wednesday and from 11 AM - 12 PM on Thursday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls. Military Honors will be conducted by the Minnesota State Honor Guard.

Leonard was born on March 9, 1925 to the late Jake and Mary (Gerving) Skalsky in Glen Ullin, North Dakota. He attended school in the Glen Ullin area. In February 1943, Leonard enlisted in the United States Navy. He served aboard the air craft carrier, U.S.S. Bougainville in the South Pacific, until his honorable discharge in 1946. After, Leonard went to work for Northern Pacific Railroad in Montana as a carpenter on Bridge and Building. He was united in marriage to Charlotte Squires on April 10, 1948 at Forsyth, Montana. Later, the couple moved to Lead, South Dakota, where Leonard worked in the Homestake Gold Mine for 10 years as a contract miner. Being born and raised on a farm, he decided to go back to farming and purchased a dairy farm near Elmdale, Minnesota and farmed there until his retirement. After retiring, Leonard moved to the Swanville/Upsala area to a hobby farm where he enjoyed raising a few steers and pigs. He enjoyed going out to dinner at

Hillcrest in Albany, Kentucky Fried Chicken in Little Falls on Sundays and occasionally at the Upsala Senior Center. Leonard was a past commander of the Upsala American Legion and a Life member of the Swanville V.F.W. and vice President of the Upsala Historical Society. His proudest part of his life was raising his 6 children as a single father with no welfare or child support from their mother.

Leonard is survived by children, Clinton of St. Cloud, MN; Chester of Little Falls, MN; Calvin (Alice) of Browerville, MN; Lester of Eagle Bend, MN; Linda Hubbard of Worth, MO; and Carrie Riddle of Little Falls, MN; 11 grandchildren; brother, Clifford of Mandan, North Dakota; sisters, Lorraine Sheppard of Billings, MT; Virginia (Fred) Muller of Denver, CO; Arlene Schotz of Glen Ullin, ND; Shirley Grose of Bismarck, ND; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, James, Clarence, Ervin, Ernie; sisters; Florence Muse, Betty Vogel and Bernice Korch.

Pallbearers will be Calvin Skalsky, Joe Gardner, Gary Hubbard, D.J. Hubbard, Bruce Johnson and Joe Johnson.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Little Falls, MN

## Service

OCT 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Leonard M. Skalsky*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - October 07, 2014 at 02:10 PM



“ *Leonard M. Skalsky*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *I will always remember our phone calls, eventhough I wasn't always able to come see ya - we always had the calls. I will always love an miss u dearly. I know u will always be watchin over all of us. with love always, your granddaughter Jennie Hubbard Clay*

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**jennie** - October 09, 2014 at 02:01 PM



“ *Leonard was a friendly fella who I always enjoyed chatting with when he came into our store in Swanville, He was a Veteran and came to special occasions our VFW hosted each year. He indeed will be part of the history of Swanville.*  
*Bob Koetter*

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**Bob Koetter** - October 07, 2014 at 09:31 AM

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“ *The memories I have of my grandpa was when I was little about 14 yrs of age and younger. traveling to his home(Swanville) on Sunday afternoons spending the whole day there. He would let us grandkids help feed the pigs and feed the stray kittens that made their home in the hay barn. I remember being chased by one of the cows he had on his farm because I was trying to scare the cow but that cow scared me instead,chased me over this little creek bridge. Always Thought of You,Renea Kammmermeier(grand daughter)*

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**renea** - October 07, 2014 at 02:29 AM