



Obituary

Born: Friday, December 15, 1933

Died: Sunday, April 25, 2021

Nicholas "Ben" Hadzega, 87, of North East died peacefully at St. Mary's East on April 25, 2021 after a long battle with Lewy Body Dementia. He was born on December 15, 1933 in North East to the late Stephan and Anastasia (Rinich) Hadzega. In his early years, he served as a Merchant Marine on the Great Lakes. He also worked on the railroad, worked construction, and finally retired from General Electric after 26 years of service. His greatest passions in life were homestead farming, raising grapes, gardening, hunting, fishing, and especially enjoyed raising chickens. Nicholas was preceded in death by his brothers, Aleck, Paul, John, Joseph, George, Andy, and Frank; sister, Ann Dudenhoeffer; and infant daughter, Karen Elizabeth. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Mae Cole Hadzega; daughters, Stephanie Reslink (Bob) of North East, Kathleen Boyer (David) of North East, Nicholeen Pragle (Jeff) of Reno, Pa., Darlene Hadzega (Craig) of North East; sister, Pauline Hadzega of Reedley, Calif.; grandchildren, Rob, April, Kimberly, Linsey, Danya, and Janet; great-grandchildren, Liam, Ellori, Nova, Thea, and Atlas; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Friends may call at the William D. Elkin Funeral Home, 65 South Lake Street, North East, on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a meet and greet followed by interment at North East Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Community Nursing Services, 7 Park Street, North East or the North East Fire Department.

Service Summary

Funeral Service

Visitation

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, Sat May 01, 2021

William D. Elkin Funeral Home

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