



## John W. Jamar

October 23, 1929 - November 22, 2020

John W. Jamar, 91, of Kingsford passed away Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020, at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

John was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Duluth, MN, the son of Warren and Lydia (Woodbridge) Jamar. After graduating high school, he enrolled in the ROTC program and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University. While at Michigan Tech, John competed on the ROTC Rifle Team and earned his varsity letter as team captain. Following his graduation, John served over seas from 1952-56 in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant. He married the love of his life, Frances Lucille Edlund, on Sept. 7, 1957 in Iron River, MI., the newlywed couple resided in Ironwood until 1959 and then Iron Mountain until 1967, after a few years in Hibbing, MN they returned to Iron Mountain. John and Fran moved to Houghton in 1984 when John accepted a position teaching for Michigan Tech University. After his retirement in 1995, they returned to Iron Mountain where John continued to work for CCI Systems Inc. in Iron Mountain.

John was a member of Kiwanis International from 1957 until becoming a founding member and treasurer, of The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Golden K, and also a former member of the Chippewa Club. John has been active in his church over the years. He was chairman of the building committee when the new First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain was built. He has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1995 and sang in the choir for many years. John especially enjoyed participating as a 'reading buddy' at the elementary school during his retirement years. He was a talented engineer and designed and acted as general contractor for two of his homes. He also enjoyed hunting and camping with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Frances; two children, Judy Jamar Jones of Lansdale, PA and John (Dianna) Jamar of Breitung Twp.; grandsons, Patrick Jamar and Michael Jamar; many wonderful nieces and nephews and a special niece, Mary Frances Fisher and her daughter, Olivia Girdzus.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Roy Jones, and two brothers, Warren and Dwight Jamar.

The family is grateful for the wonderful caregivers at Evergreen Assisted Living who made life better every day through their loving care.

Due to the restrictions of Covid-19, private family services are being held.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Golden K Club or First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John W. Jamar online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ The Mulaikal family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of John W. Jamar.



**The Mulaikal family** - November 29, 2020 at 12:28 PM

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“ Dear Jamar Family, I have wonderful memories from my childhood of our families at each other's homes and some camping trips. I know my parents cherished your friendship. John made an impact on his communities and set an example for younger generations. My thoughts are with you and I hope memories will help heal your hearts. I know I smile or wipe a tear or two when something during my week reminds me of Dad. Take Care, Carrie (Anderson) Janes

**carrie janes** - November 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM

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“ Prayers and Condolences Fran. Pleased be assured of our prayers during this time of sorrow. May God's peace be with you. Please know that John is with the Lord, Jim, David, Karen (Menapace)

**Jim Menapace** - November 28, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Fran  
Ellen and I would like to express our sympathy to you and your family for your loss.

Enjoyed working with John in Golden K, he was a real inspiration for the club.

May God Bless

BILL and Ellen Roberts

**Bill Roberts** - November 27, 2020 at 05:17 PM

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“ My sincere condolences on John's passing. He was such a fine man. I got to know him when we both worked at CCI...he was so friendly and genuinely interested in others. May he rest in peace and may you find comfort in your loving memories.  
Sally Heidtke

**Sally Heidtke** - November 27, 2020 at 05:01 PM

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“ Sympathy and prayers to all of you. Gene & Dorothy Smith

**dorothy** - November 27, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ We enjoyed seeing John and Fran for years after purchasing their home on Foster Street. I know that they made many great memories in that home with their family. We made great memories there with our family as well. Rest in Peace, John

**Barry Rosene** - November 26, 2020 at 11:35 PM

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“ Deidre Teikari lit a candle in memory of John W. Jamar



**Deidre Teikari** - November 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family

**Sam and Lisa Trebilcock** - November 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy for you Fran on the loss of your husband. I've thought about you so many times after seeing you both when John was finishing up his physical therapy. You may not even remember, but you've both been in my prayers and will continue to pray for you Fran during this difficult time. Love to you and your family. Sincerely, Debbie Gursky

**Debbie Gursky** - November 25, 2020 at 10:11 PM

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“ Our sincerest sympathies - John was a truly special person - gracious, caring, considerate and a true Christian. So community minded. May he rest in peace. Bob and Patti Forgette

**Robert Forgette** - November 25, 2020 at 08:57 PM

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“ What a great guy. They just don't come any better.....always smiling, considerate, and a very caring person.....an absolute honor to know !! Sympathies to you, Fran and your great family. Our love to you all, Don & Rose Pedro

**Don Pedro** - November 25, 2020 at 05:44 PM

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“ Dear Fran and Family,  
I just read about John's passing. I'm so sorry Fran as he really was a ray of light and will be missed. Hope to see you along the way when everything clears up. My thoughts are with you.....Kay Parkinson

**Kay Parkinson** - November 25, 2020 at 03:04 PM

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“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of John W. Jamar.



November 25, 2020 at 02:28 PM

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“ Fran, Judy, John and Families,  
So very saddened to read of the loss of John Sr .What a Community asset he has been over the years! His gentle, kind and loving manner was evident in the faith he lived. My heart grieves with you and wish I could hug each of you. John was such a strong and loved leader for Golden K. He has been missed the past couple years. Jesus opened the door wide as he welcomed John into His presence and his heavenly home. May Gods love for each of you give comfort as he wraps you in His loving arms. Looking forward to seeing you when Covid leaves us all. Keeping you in prayer and Christian love.  
Orice



**Orice Walters** - November 25, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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“ Condolences to you, John, & your family. It's never easy to lose a parent, no matter his or her age. Know you have a community to care for you and share your grief.

**Taylor Polomis** - November 25, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ Sending sympathy and peaceful thoughts to John and Dianna. I recall being a dinner guest at their house through a loose connection known as “friend of a friend.” Within minutes upon arrival, I was warmly welcomed, treated as an old friend and the gap of unfamiliarity evaporated. As I read the obituary, I imagined this expansive kindness had been modeled by Mr Jamar who had built an impressive reputation by serving his community, volunteering, teaching and gathering friends all along the way. Reading buddy was my favorite example!

**Deb Sutinen** - November 25, 2020 at 07:00 AM

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“ Dearest Fran and family....my thoughts are with you and am sad for your family...heartfelt hugs to all...Margie Frances Friend Stockero

**Margie (FRIEND) Stockero** - November 24, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ My thoughts and love are with the whole Jamar family. Mr. Jamar was such a great guy, a real special person who I enjoyed seeing and being with my whole life!

A role model of integrity and generosity, be thankful you had him as long as you did!

God is good!!!

Kevin Baudhuin

**Kevin Baudhuin** - November 24, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ While we are sad to learn of John's passing, we rejoice for him that he now rests eternally in the arms of his maker. John was such a friendly, outgoing, giving gentleman in the finest sense of the word. While he achieved well-deserved recognition in his profession and in the community throughout the years, he was always a humble man, never losing the common touch and ability to relate to everyone. This indicates someone with true character, and John had that in spades. He and Fran made a wonderful couple, complementing each other in every way. We enjoyed sharing time with them in choir and also at church services. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and know you are and will continue to be in our prayers.

Bill and Jan Cummings

**William J. Cummings** - November 24, 2020 at 04:29 PM