



Anthony Bazan

July 28, 1937 - July 3, 2010

Anthony J. "Tony" Bazan, 72, of Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 3, 2010, at his home.

Tony was born July 28, 1937, in Stambaugh, son of the late Walter and Katherine (Wilgreen) Bazan. He attended Iron River High School, graduating with the class of 1955. He played football for the Iron River Redskins on the state championship teams from 1952-54. Tony served his country in the United States Coast Guard and the Reserve.

Tony married the former Linda McKenna in New York on Aug. 17, 1957. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. for many years, retiring in 1994. In 1995, Tony formed his own company, TJ Enterprise Inc., which was an asphalt paving and striping business. He also drove school bus for the Niagara School District for several years.

He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Tony was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and deer and rabbit hunting. He was past president of the Northland Beagle Club where he trained beagles for hunting and entered them in field trials. He also enjoyed Nascar and reading.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Linda; a daughter, Pamela (Phillip) Gossard of Minnesota; two sons, Christopher Bazan of Minnesota and Patrick (Beth) Bazan of Vulcan; grandchildren, Allissa and McKenna LaFave, Bryce Bazan, Marissa Bazan, Zachery Gazda and Allison Guide; a sister, Francis Belongie; several nieces and nephews, greatnieces and greatnephews; and many other relatives, friends, and hunting and fishing buddies.

Tony was preceded in death by his godson, Blaze Belongie and his brother-in-law, Gerald Belongie.

Visitation will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Michael Woempner will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Anthony "Tony" Bazan online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Mass

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JP

“ Pam, I am sorry to hear the late and sad news of your father passing away. We all had fond memories back in the 80's and I am glad i was able to meet him. Jeff

Jeff Klefstad - Scottsdale, AZ - Friend of Pam - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ "And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." Abraham Lincoln.

I never got to know Tony well but after reading his obituary, I'm amazed at how much "life" he put into his 72 years. I could tell that his family was first in his life. He is in a higher place with God's hand on his shoulder and Angels dancing around them both. Or perhaps he's dancing with the Angels. He really loved to dance. I know his family and friends need to grieve. In time the memories of his smile and laughter will push away the pain and bring you comfort.

Diane Gossard - Apple Valley, MN - Daughter's Mother in Law - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Linda and family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know Tony but my father, Jack Brosio, knew him from their days as fellow "Beaglers" at the beagle club and through Brosio's Citgo station. My father thought highly of Tony and enjoyed his humor. May God be with you to ease your pain.

Alice Reed

Alice Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Pat and family ~ my deepest sympathy goes out to each of you during this difficult time. I pray for God to wrap his loving arms around you, giving you the strength and peace to get through today and the days ahead.

Debbie Sleik - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I can't say I knew Tony well. I met him about 2 years ago. I was chaperoning a bus trip to a football game. I sat up in front and talked to Tony for the first time. It was like we knew each other forever. He was funny and made the trip a great one. After that, he always waved or said hello each time our paths crossed. I will miss him very much, and I might add, the students at Niagara will also miss him. Rest well my friend.

Tom

Thomas Sielaff - Niagara, WI - Freind - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Linda and family, Please accept our heartfelt sorrow on the passing of Tony. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Allan & Nancy Dighera

Allan & Nancy Dighera - Kingsford, MI - friends - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Pat and all,

My sincere condolences at this difficult time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Bob Koerschner - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ God Bless . My thoughts are with the family at this time of sorrow.

Tony Novara - Green Bay, WI - friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Lynny,
I'm so sorry, I don't know what to say! I grew up in your house and Tony was always so welcoming! I will miss him. and his endless jokes he e-mailed me. See you all on Wednesday.

Kathy Hyland - Faribault, MN - friend - July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere sympathy in the loss of Tony. Great memories of our times together in Bates. Dan Passamani

Dan and Sue Passamani - Iron River, MI - Classmate 1955 - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Linda, Pam, Chris, and Pat,
I am very sorry for your loss. Sincerely, Mary Hofer

Mary Hofer - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Linda, Chris, and Family,
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Please accept my most sincere condolences. My heart and prayers are with with you.

Sincerely,
Paul Strang & Family

Paul Strang - Fallston, MD - Friend - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Linda and Family:*

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Tony will be missed by us, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I admired Tony for his relentless pursuit of doing his job to the best of his ability, what awesome work ethic.

I would frequently see him early in the morning connecting up the trailer, he would give me a hard time about something or other and then go about his day. I have to say I really looked forward to those mornings...kind of made my day a little better; as my mom would always tell me growing up, "they only pick on you because they like you." Well, I sure did like Tony. As I reflect I wish I would of had or of taken more opportunity to get to know him. From what I knew his life was interesting, and what a gardener, never in my life have I seen zucchnini as big as the ones that he grew!

Linda, if you need help around the house, or with the lawn or garden, we are only about 30 feet away, and I would be happy to help however I can.

God Bless,

Mike and Lisa Richards

Michael and Lisa Richardsq - Iron Mountain, MI - Next door neighbor - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Pam, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers during this very difficult time. -- Carla*

Carla Anderson - Kingsford, MI - Friend - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *God Bless!*

Deborah Tulppo - Friend- Lindwall Motors Inc. - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Linda my heart , prayers and sympathy go out to you. I will miss seeing Tony sit in our showroom and watch Maggie jump on her daddy's sholders. I bet she is just lost also without him. You two had a special realationship and were fortunate to have had many wonderful years together.

When you called me last week about my little "Annie" it meant so much that you cared to find out how she is doing. Your very special people.

May God guide you through these challenging days. You are in my prayers and in my heart .

God Bless you and your family.

Deborah Tulppo - Iron River, MI - Friend- Lindwall Motors Inc. - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Pam, Allissa & Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine what a blow this was. Hang on to each other and you will get through the next few days. Talk of him often and laugh and you will get through more days then you think you will. I will send strength and love.

Sissy

Mary Ellen Pollard - Hoffman Estates, IL - friend - July 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM