



Arnold C. Berger Sr.

October 27, 1926 - December 31, 2014

Arnold Carl Berger, Sr. 88, of Youngstown, FL, formerly of this area, died Wed. Dec. 31, 2014 at his home. He was born on Oct. 27, 1926 in Carney, the son of the late Carl and Eva (Dumas) Berger. Arnold was born with disabilities of both legs, but after several surgeries, at the age of sixteen and four months short of his seventeenth birthday, the final surgery was done to correct his second leg. He was given a harmonica by his brother Bob to help brighten his stay in the hospital.

Arnold attended the Shetter School in Carney when young. He attended the fifty year class reunion in Carney on July 24, 1993, where Arnold presented his teacher, Mrs. Kahee, with a big red apple and a dance, which brought a tear to many. Later in years the family moved to the Kingsford Area, where he worked various jobs with this father, before going to work at the Ford Assembly plant in Chicago.

Arnold served as a Seaman in the US Coast Guard during World War II for two years aboard the S.S. Perry Marquette 21 steamship out of Ludington. After his discharge, he worked as a cab driver in Watersmeet, later he played in area bands and worked at area gas stations, before starting his own construction business. Arnold enjoyed playing his guitar and singing for family and friends. Arnold enjoyed fishing and hunting, and had a great love for his dogs and farm animals.

He married Alice Turner on July 7, 1990 in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death on June 12, 2006.

Arnold is survived by twelve children Diana (James) Anderson of Hardwood, Judy Plaswirth of Iron Mountain, Sandra Begosh of Iron Mountain, Arnold Berger, Jr. of Youngstown, FL, Angel Hiller of Escanaba, William Berger of Panama City, FL, Daniel Berger of Valdosta, GA, Scott (Laura) Berger of Panama City, FL, Penny (Moraly) Suppiah of Burlington, KY, Tammy Kitchens of Lavergne, TN, Gerald Alm of Kingsford, and Walter "Peter" (Becky Fink) Alm of Kingsford, One who treated him like a dad Jane Kujala of Sagola, one brother Eugene Berger of Iron Mountain, many grandchildren, many great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two daughters Ethel Johnson and Sandy Alm Ruatti, one granddaughter Sherry Bates, one great great granddaughter Melissa Jennifer Anderson, two sisters Helen Trudell and Ethel Sicard, and four brothers Clarence, Norman, Clifford, and Robert Berger.

Visitation will be Sat. May 23 from 1:30-3pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 3pm at the funeral home. Rev. Larry Neargarth will officiate. Burial will be in the Nadeau Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Arnold Berger, Sr. online at www.ernashfuneralhome.com

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

Cemetery Details

Nadeau Cemetery

Nadeau, MI 49863

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

MAY 23. 3:00 PM (CT)

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