



## Art Viens

May 2, 1936 - September 18, 2025

The old Flivver, Art Viens, 89, passed away Thursday, September 18, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson in Iron Mountain.

Art was born May 2, 1936, son of the late Joseph and Albina (Goulette) Viens, and lived his entire life on Hamilton Avenue in Kingsford's Ford Addition. He graduated from Kingsford in 1954 and attended Michigan Tech University, receiving degrees in Chemical Engineering and Engineering Administration in 1959. He immediately went to work at Central Commercial, which became GAF, and spent 37 years as a foreman and Granule Plant Superintendent. The roofing granule plant in Pembine was his heart and soul.

Art is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley; his sister, Kathleen (Bill) Counter; 2 brothers-in-law, Charles (Nancy) Gyselinck and Herb Jauquet; 5 nephews, Jim Counter, Mike Counter, Brian Gyselinck, Scott Jauquet and Craig Jauquet; 3 nieces, Laurie Counter, Lisa Counter, and Wendy Pearman; numerous cousins; and many friends, Mike and Nicole Lutz, Sue LeDuc, Mike and Mary Jo Momont, the girls of GAF: Lisa, Peggy Sue, Julie, Patrice, Trisha and Lynn, and the Edens family.

Along with his parents, Art is preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Patricia Jauquet, a nephew, Bill Counter, and his good friends, Rex Terwilliger and Roger LeDuc.

His retirement years included daily mass, BK coffee, KHS athletics, and helping his wife clean the grounds at KHS.

During all his years, he was involved with Kingsford athletics. In high school he was the captain of the football team and #1 doubles on the tennis team that won the 1953 U.P. Tennis title. He was a two year member of the National Honor Society and top 10% of his class.

After college he volunteered his time working KHS athletic events. He spent 21 years taking football stats, 44 years scoring basketball games, 35 years timing football games, and over 50 years working track meets. He set up the field events for the U.P track meet for over 25 years. As part of the 4 man committee responsible for the general layout of the new Flivver Field, he helped design the pressbox in 1990.

He won a number of awards during his years: the KHS Booster Club Booster of the Year 1987, the KHS Booster Club Fan of the Year 2011, Jim Trethewey Distinguished Service Award in 2012 from the U.P Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association, 2nd Honorary Captain - Kingsford Football in 2016, and Outstanding Booster - PTO Council in 1981, and was inducted into the Breitung Township Schools Achievement Hall of Fame in 2024.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 25th at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Art Viens online at [www.ernasfuneralhome.com](http://www.ernasfuneralhome.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St Joseph Church  
W B St  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-2046

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ I didn't realize Art passed. When I didn't receive a fun & sensitive Christmas card this year I did. My Dad had so much respect for him - working together at GA&F and I carried on the relationship with Christmas cards. I hope they met in heaven to share a good laugh & chicken dinner flown in.

Peg Miller - Hamilton - December 22, 2025 at 11:08 AM

JL

“ Jim & Laurie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Art Viens.

Jim & Laurie - September 22, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JL

“ Jim & Laurie purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Art Viens.



Jim & Laurie - September 22, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JL

“ Dear Shirley and family, I was so sorry to learn of Art's passing. I am so grateful for the time I was able to spend with him this last year, and I'll always remember him as a truly special person. His kind heart and dedication to the community were undeniable, and his passion for the Flivvers shone brightly. Jamie Lockhart

Jamie Lockhart - September 22, 2025 at 02:04 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Art Viens.



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September 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Art Viens.

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September 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ Dear Shirley and family, I was saddened to read of Art's passing Thursday. He certainly was the epitome of a lifelong Flivver fan who contributed so much to Kingsford athletics and the school itself with continued support in uncountable ways. He will be missed and long remembered for all he did for the school and the community. I'm glad his many efforts were recognized last year when he received the Breitung Township Hall of Fame Achievement Award which was well-deserved. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy. Bill and Jan Cummings

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**William Cummings** - September 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM



“ Sorry for your loss prayers are sent by me

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**bobby nordell** - September 21, 2025 at 10:48 PM

JL

“ It’s hard to put into words what Art has meant to us over the years. He was a special person and will be greatly missed. Condolences and prayers to Shirley and family. Rest well Art❤️ The GAF girls



Julie Lorenz - September 20, 2025 at 10:42 PM

MT

“ Shirley and families, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, Art.



Mary Jo Trepanier - September 20, 2025 at 11:07 AM

LK

“ Lisa, Doug, Chris, Zach & Emily and kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Art Viens.



Lisa, Doug, Chris, Zach & Emily and kids - September 19, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mark McCorkle - September 19, 2025 at 04:11 PM

CD

“ Cousins, Nancy McCarthy and Jane Dore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Art Viens.

Cousins, Nancy McCarthy and Jane Dore - September 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM

CD

“ Cousins, Nancy McCarthy and Jane Dore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Art Viens.



Cousins, Nancy McCarthy and Jane Dore - September 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM

NM

“Cousin Art was a great guy and the Kingsford Flivver's number one fan and dedicated volunteer. He will be missed! So glad I got to visit with him last week when I was in the UP! Hugs and prayers for all the family. Love, Nancy McCarthy



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Nancy McCarthy - September 19, 2025 at 03:12 PM