



Bernard Raymond

March 28, 1922 - March 28, 2013

Bernard "Bernie" Raymond, 91 of Kingsford passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at HCR Manorcare in Kingsford. He was born on August 1, 1921 in Fayette, Michigan son of the late Clevis and Agnes (Brault) Raymond. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. and was honorably discharged. He married Josephine Anderson on December 23, 1944 in Iron Mountain, and together they spent more than 68 wonderful years. Bernie went to work for the Ford Motor Company for a few years and then when they left the area he took a position at the V.A. Medical Center. He then left the V. A. Hospital to work in maintenance at the United States Post Office, retiring in 1980. He then took a position as Bailiff for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Office retiring in 2005. He was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Bernie was involved in many things through the years donating his time and talent to the bus ministries and the "Share your Christmas" program. He served as the Grand Marshall of the 4th of July Parade, he was voted the Citizen of the Year and the State of Michigan Veteran of the Year. He served as the DAV Chaplain and on the Veteran Affairs Board including many Veteran activities. He dedicated his life to helping others through community services and charity work. Bernie enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, and many sporting events. He was preceded in death by brothers Alphonse, Lester, and Leon Raymond; and sisters Tony Plant, Alice Morrison, and Louise.

Bernie is survived by his loving wife, Josephine Raymond; sons Gary

Raymond of Sagola, and David (Ronda) Raymond of Palm Coast, FL; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren

The visitation will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Rev. James Danielson will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery. The American Legion Post #50 will accord full Military Honors on Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bernard "Bernie" Raymond online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ I would like to express my sympathy to Bernie's family. I am the daughter of John and Bernadette Colantonio. They lived in the trailer park that Bernie lived in. I had the pleasure of meeting Bernie several times and when my step dad John died back in 2001 Bernie came over and prayed with my Mom Bernie and myself. He was such a wonderful man. He will certainly be missed by all that knew him. My Mom Bernie just passed on March 13th. So I believe they are all in a better place just praying together again. My deepest sympathy to Bernie's family.

Chris Chaloupka

chris chaloupka - Manitowoc, WI, WI - friend - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ There was never a man so loving and dedicated to human kind than Bernie Raymond; but more over, a man dedicated to Christ. Bernie was the sweetest, most gentle man I ever had the pleasure of knowing or being friends with. He committed his life to sharing his time and efforts in lending a helping hand to ANYONE in need. It has been an honor and privilege knowing, loving and being loved by him and his beautiful wife.

He has gone to be with our Lord in heaven, and I know that some day we will meet again.

*Love, Always and forever in friendship and Christ,
Jacqueline Susann Judd*

Jacqueline Judd - Casper, WY - Friend - April 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Gary, David and JO, myself and my children, Faith, Jon and Kevin, send our condolence. Bernard and all the Raymond family, were my family, I loved your father and your mother, they were god sent people, and your father was a remarkable person. I grew up being part of the Raymond family, as a youngster, I was taught how to play cards, as I grew up, and had my own family, and lived in Breitung, Friday night was our card playing night, every Friday it was at a different house, that went on for years and years, how great those days were, Bernard was a great card player, hard to beat him. years of going out to the beach with your folks to celebrate family birthday, etc. Forth of July at the lake. Your father did the service at the funeral home when my father passed away, and it was beautiful. I will always remember your father, love to your mother. As Always
Sharron

Sharron [Hoyum] Meysembourg - Middleton, WI - family friend - April 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ To the Raymond family,
I first met Jo and Bernie, when my mother in law lived accross the street on 1300 Michigan Ave., in 1985. We had many wonderful visits.

You have out deepest y.

Pat and Alan Lund

Pat Lund - GA - was neighbor - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I met Mr. Raymond shortly after I moved to town when he was working as the bailiff in circuit court. I was working as the local reporter for TV6 and he would make sure I had everything I needed when I showed up to film a story at court. He always went to the back and got me a glass of water and a pitcher for refills, even if I was only going to be there for a few minutes. We had a lot of laughs together, and even though I wasn't usually excited to have to listen to some of the things people had done during their court cases, it made it much better to know I was going to see my friend for a while and that he would have a smile on his face when I got there.

Although we saw each other several times over the last few years at the Crystal Lake Community Center (my office is next door to the Veterans' Services office), my favorite memories are still from court. He would "whisper" comments to me during some cases, and most of the time everyone in the room could hear what he said. He had a little louder whisper than he thought, but everybody liked him so much that nothing was ever said. I remember the judge giving me a wink one time after one of Mr. Raymond's "whispers".....it was something like, "that boy needs to straighten up or maybe his mother needs to spank his butt."

I will miss my friend. I didn't realize all of the accolades he accumulated in his lifetime, but I'm not surprised at all. Most people don't live as full a life as he did.

Benjamin Wood - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *What a perfect photo to add the Bernie's obituary! I remember walking one summer day, after Memorial Day. I saw Bernie at the Kingsford post office as I walked by. I told him how a friend's father's grave was missed and didn't get a flag on his grave. The headstone was actually sort of hidden. The veteran next to his grave had a flag. Anyway, Bernie insisted we go to the gravesite right then, drove me over so I could show him the grave. It was unacceptable that a veteran's grave had been missed. I don't remember if he took me back home or to the post office. But that grave got a flag! I knew and loved Bernie from Immanuel Baptist - now Redemption Hill Church. He also knew my parents. My deepest sympathy of the loss of one so dear.*

JoAnn Sanford - Kingsford, MI - friend - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Ah, Bernie, we will so miss your laugh and smiles! Us Shopko employees have missed you, and wondered where you went! Your smile was contagious and you always greeted us every morning and brightened our days! I will speak for all of us at Shopko that were there in the mornings when you walked and say Rest In Peace, we loved you, and we will miss your smiles and laughter and your awesome warmth! Such a wonderful man! Such a sad day! God bless you, Bernie and may God help ease your families pain as I am sure you will be missed by them immensely. I am sure you will be missed by many.
Luv ya Bernie!*

Brenda Chartier - Quinnesec, MI - April 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dave,
I was saddened to hear about the loss of your Father. Your dad was always very kind to me and always took time to talk with me. I will never forget his smile and firm handshake. My memories of him go back to little league baseball.
Take care Dave,
Bill Pera

Bill Pera - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Wonderful man, wonderful witness, wonderful life! I was one of his bus kids and he genuinely cared about us. If you missed a Sunday he would come to your house later in the week to make sure everything was ok. He always had a smile and radiated from the inside out. It was an honor to know him and I know for a fact he will be welcoming us into Heavens gates!*

jane weinert sudac - raleigh, NC - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Amy, David & family,*
My deepest condolences on the loss of your grandpa. May he rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Dina

Dina Perrault - Green Bay, WI - friend - April 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM