



## Bernard "Barney" Spera

September 27, 1925 - November 18, 2014

Bernard "Barney" Spera, 89, of Iron Mountain died Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Manorcare Nursing Home in Kingsford.

He was born in Iron Mountain on September 27, 1925 the son of Joseph and Julia Spera. Barney graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1943. Upon graduating he joined the US Navy and served in the South Pacific until the war ended.

He married Phyllis "Mickey" Frangquist on Dec. 29, 1945 in Iron Mountain; and they had three children - Kay, Art and Sally.

Barney loved airplanes and was an avid model airplane enthusiast all his life. He built (and crashed) numerous radio controlled model airplanes throughout the years and was a founding member of the Bay Area RC Modeler Club of Escanaba. He was also a fine musician and played Bass for 15 years with Don Hoaglund (Accordion) and Joe Groleau (Drums) in the Don Hoaglund Trio.

He is survived by his wife, Mickey, son Art "Beppo", and daughter Sally (Charles) Way. He is also survived by his grand children, Melissa (Eric) Mathias, Stacey Way, Corey Way, Gabriel Spera and Caitlin Spera and by his great grandchildren, Grace Mathias, Logan Mathias, Brynn Lanala and

Avianna Way and many nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his daughter Kay, his sisters Delgisia "Del" Caviani, Antonette Cerasoli, Emma Brosio and brothers John (Boots), Manfred (Fritz) and Oswald (Ozzie) Spera.

The Family would like to thank The local VA Hospital for all the staff who helped Barney to stay at home for so long during his illness, the Arms of Angels Home Health Agency for their care and support for Bameys daily at home needs and all the staff at Manorcare who helped and cared for Barney in his final months. The love, care and respect that all these caregivers showed towards Barney and all the family was and is so greatly appreciated.

At Barney's request there will be no services.

Condolences to the family of Bernard "Barney" Spera can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ *such a wonderful man-so sorry to hear of his passing away-my sympathy to Mickey-Art Sally and Grandchildren-Margaret Stichman and Family*

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**Margaret Stichman** - November 24, 2014 at 06:54 AM

CG

“ *Dear Mickey and Family,*

*I was so sorry to hear about Barney. I will miss seeing him sitting in the hall when I go to visit my mother-in-law.*

*May he rest in peace and my deepest sympathy to you all.*

*Cynthia (Corsi) Gordon*

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**Cynthia Gordon** - November 23, 2014 at 03:28 PM


TD

“ *Sally so sorry to hear of your dad's passing . Know that I am thinking of you and your family. Prayers*

*Traci Denome*

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**Traci Denome** - November 22, 2014 at 11:10 AM

 Renee  
Stichman-  
Kadish

“ *Mickey, Sally & Art, So sorry to hear of Barney's passing. I will always remember his smiling face and generous heart. May he and Dad be sharing stories and watching over us all*

*Renee "Stichman" Kadish*

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**Renee Stichman-Kadish** - November 22, 2014 at 11:01 AM

JR

“ Dear Mickey, Art and family, sorry for your loss, you all are in my prayers. Jodi Pietrantonio Reed



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**Jodi Reed** - November 21, 2014 at 06:00 PM

CC

“ Uncle Barney was one of the nicest people you'd ever want to meet. He was always so happy. I can hear him laughing as I write this. One of my favorite memories of him was a Sunday morning when I was a kid. My grandmother always put her red gravey on to cook while we went to church. When we came home uncle Barney, uncle Fritz, my dad and Bobbo had the Schinderele's bread gone and almost all the sauce....they thought it was funny. Gram, not so much.

We were lucky enough to be able to take a trip to Yellowstone with the Spera's. It seemed like uncle Barney never got upset with all of us kids. He always had such a nice smile and caring way about him. I think that's why he and Mickey made such a good pair, they were so much a like.

I always knew when Barney was around because you'd hear laughter. He and dad were always laughing. They're together now and I am sure they are laughing about something.

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**Chris Caviani-Moore** - November 21, 2014 at 10:13 AM