



Bruce J. Bilgreen

April 29, 1935 - January 1, 2021

Bruce J. Bilgreen, 85, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, Jan. 1, 2021 at Dickinson County Hospital.

Bruce was born on April 29, 1935, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Walter and Caroline (Schaefer) Bilgreen. He was raised in Kingsford and was a 1953 graduate of Kingsford High School. Bruce enlisted into the United States Army and served in Korea from 1958 until he was honorably discharged in 1960. He married Kathleen Smith on June 4, 1966, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They raised their family in Kingsford while Bruce worked for the United States Postal Service. He retired after more than thirty years with the Postal Service.

Bruce was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed camping, picking blueberries and hunting for copper in the Keweenaw. He was a loyal Kingsford Flivver sports fan and never missed a Flivver football game.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Beatrice Gilbert and Jean Pirlot and a brother, Walter Bilgreen.

Bruce is survived by his loving wife of fifty four years, Kathleen; children, Julie (Fran) Wlodarczyk of Cedarburg, WI, Bruce (Kathryn) Bilgreen of Iron Mountain and Brian (Trina) Bilgreen of Kingsford; sisters, Dorothy (Glenn)

Johnson of Homestead, WI, Yvonne (Paul) Voight of Port St. Lucie, FL and Beverly Prichard of Cookeville, TN; six grandchildren, Desirae (Jeremy Beaudoin), Bruce, Samuel, Emma, Hunter and Gracyn; also many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7th at 11:00 am at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford. Rev. Matthew Ruesch will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

The funeral service will be live streamed at facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford

Condolences to the family of Bruce Bilgreen may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Tribute Wall

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“ Bruce was a good and kind man. We met him around twelve years ago, but he treated us as if he had known us all of his life. We didn't see him and Kathy often, but he always welcomed us like old friends. We miss him. Lynne and Stanley Wlodarczyk

Lynne Wlodarczyk - January 07, 2021 at 03:30 AM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



brian - January 06, 2021 at 04:36 PM

JW

“ Such a gentle soul and kind person who lived his life for others. Our hearts are broken but we know our father is in a better, pain-free place. Surely he is on a trout stream somewhere, smiling, hoping to land that elusive brookie.

jw - January 06, 2021 at 11:37 AM

DL Johnson

May your memories sustain you. Peace to all

DL Johnson - January 09, 2021 at 08:43 PM

BR

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



brian - January 06, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Bilgreen.



January 06, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



JW - January 06, 2021 at 09:55 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



brian - January 05, 2021 at 09:38 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



brian - January 05, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Bilgreen.



January 05, 2021 at 04:07 PM

JW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



jw - January 05, 2021 at 10:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bruce J. Bilgreen.*



January 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Bruce passing... I will always remember Uncle Bruce as a kindhearted soul with a smile that could light up a room. Coren Peterson*

Coren Peterson - January 04, 2021 at 07:18 PM



“ *Cathy & Tom Menza lit a candle in memory of Bruce J. Bilgreen*



Cathy & Tom Menza - January 04, 2021 at 04:00 PM