



## Bruce Carlson

March 23, 2009

WILSON - Bruce E. Carlson, 69, of Wilson, formerly of Pelkie and Hardwood, passed away Monday, March 23, 2009, after a lengthy illness at his family's farm where he grew up in Hardwood surrounded by his family.

He was born on Sept. 21, 1939, in Norway, the son of the late Einar and Eleanor (Sipchen) Carlson.

Bruce grew up in Hardwood. He was a woodsman and a welder, and had worked on the pipeline between Wisconsin and Ohio. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and a knowledgeable outdoorsman. He also enjoyed trapping, cooking, gardening, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Cheryl (Roddy) Carlson of L'Anse; his son, Samuel (Connie) Carlson of Gwinn; four grandchildren, Madison and Courtney Bianco, and Kristine and Zachary "J.B." Carlson; one brother, Michael "Rat" (Sandra) Carlson of Hardwood; six sisters, Margaret (Courtney) Dahn of Felch, Millie LaPointe of Helps, Donna (Larry) Dillabough of Gladstone, Kay (Jon) Meaver of Springboro, Pa., Linda Carlson of Gladstone, and Patty (Bernard) Kleikamp, a special friend, Rose Roberts of Wilson, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Carlson and a brother,

Wayne Carlson.

Visitation will be Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (Central time) at Mission Covenant Church in Foster City.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at the church. Rev. Carl Hammer will officiate.

Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences to the family of Bruce Carlson may be expressed online at [www.tondinfuneralhome.com](http://www.tondinfuneralhome.com)

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home with arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Hey Sam and Cheryl, sorry to hear about your dad , He was a good person with a good soul .

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**Steven Jokela** - April 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Cheryl, Sam & the Carlson Family?

*My deepest sympathies to all of you and your friends. After all of the years gone by, I still carry many good memories of your family living in Pelkie when I frequented your Dad's house while the group of us hung around together in high school during the early 1980's. I left the Upper Peninsula in 1984 and never saw any of you again after that time, but over the years I never forgot those good memories with all of you, including Bruce.*

*Your Dad always treated me very kindly and was always willing & ready to lend help and assistance with anything I needed. I remember many things; both small & great? many fun times ~ even the vehicles he drove. I remember visiting around your kitchen table during many occasions with everyone? cruising around in your Dad's silver Chrysler Cordoba? even when he would plow my driveway numerous times? and most memorable was his committed willingness to keep pulling my vehicle out of the ditch with his blue Chevy 4x4 whenever my car repeated it?s ?mysterious weekend attraction? to local snowbanks !#?%.*

*Every memory I have of your Dad was a good memory and I will always remember & cherish them the rest of my life?*

*Kindest Regards,*

*Mark Ervin*

*Pelkie, MI*

*[www.myspace.com/madmaxmark](http://www.myspace.com/madmaxmark)*

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**Mark Ervin** - April 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Cheryl and Sam, My condolences to you and your familys. Your Dad is in A better place now. You are both in my prayers. Kim

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**Kim [ Jokela] Cole** - April 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My condolences go out to Bruce's family. I am pretty sure that Bruce worked as a skidder driver and woodsman for my Dad Norman Hiltunen in Baraga in the late 60 s or early 70s. I really enjoyed getting to know Bruce. He was a nice guy.I had not seen him in many years.

*Dave Hiltunen  
Spread Eagle, WI*

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**Dave Hiltunen** - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM