



Bruce Carpenter

March 28, 1926 - September 24, 2004

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KINGSFORD - Bruce L. Carpenter, 78, of 108 Lawrence St. Kingsford, went home to meet his Lord, Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at Marquette General Hospital. Bruce was born on March 28, 1926, in Kingsford, son of the late Jesse and Elsie (McMahon) Carpenter.

He married Carmaine "Connie" Sorenson in June of 1949 in Kingsford.

Bruce owned and operated the Blackstone Taxi and Wrecker Service in the 1950s. He was a school bus driver for the Iron Mountain Public Schools and was known as "Blackie." Bruce also worked the Green Bay to Iron River run for Wisconsin-Michigan Coaches until a heart attack made him retire. He was an elder and active member of Balsam Street Christian Church. Bruce loved woodworking, rug weaving, creating cards on his computer and playing with his dog, Pushon. He had a quick wit, which made people laugh and always answered the phone "Jesus loves you." Bruce loved all people, young and old. He was a very special person and will be missed by all who loved him.

He leaves his wife, Connie; a brother, Clyde (Lorraine) Carpenter; three sisters, Arlene Anderson, Sarajane Hochmuth, and Nona (Lyle) Troutman; nieces and nephews who were like his own children, Jodi (Jaime) Goulette and their children, Tara, Amber, and Ashley, and Jeff (Cindy) Kleinschmidt and their children, Justin, Brooke, and Kimberly; several nieces and nephews; and his great-great nephew who brought him so much joy the past 22 months, Gavin Goulette.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at the Balsam Street Christian Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. Pastor Don Hochmuth will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

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

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

Tribute Wall

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“ We sure do miss Bruce. He was a wonderful uncle. He always had time for us and had a way of making you feel special. He always had a joke or at least a twinkle in his eye that made you think he was up to something. He played a great Santa to us and our children. He got us going on the fish pond and enjoyed watching us experiment with the ponds. He is very sadly missed. But our loss is the Father's gain. He is up there right now giving Grandma and Auntie Bev the business. We love you Connie....

Herb and Shirlee - November 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Family, Bruce was an extraordinary man, in all the times I have ever visited with him never once have seen him anything but cheerful. He can always make you smile and feel VERY special. Bruce always made me feel like one of the family when ever I would spend holidays with Amber Goulette's family. I live downstate and can?t always make it home for all the holidays, but I have always felt at home at the Goulette?s. He always had a huge hug and kiss for me. I will greatly miss him.

Jessica Lapp - September 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Connie,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Bruce was a wonderful man and I really enjoyed knowing him during my attendance of the Balsam Street Christian Church.

God Bless you, Sam

Samantha Coron - September 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Family,

I'm very sorry for your loss. Bruce has always been a lasting memory in my heart. This particular memory extends all the way back to my very early childhood when my dad asked him to be Santa Claus on Christmas Day. I remember being so excited and happy that we had Santa Claus in our house! Then, when he was leaving I asked "How come Santa drives a blue car?" My heart goes out to all those mourning. May God be with you in your time of heartache. If things get overwhelmingly tough, just remember the smile Bruce could bring to your face in a few seconds.

Christopher Phillips - September 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM