



Bruce Norman

December 21, 1941 - December 21, 2012

Bruce E. Norman, 71, of Iron Mountain, went peacefully to be with his Lord and Saviour on Friday, December 21, 2012, at his home.

He was born June 15, 1941, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Ewart and Lillie (Davis) Norman. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1959 and went on to obtain an Associate's Degree from Bay College. Bruce married Karin Krook on April 14, 1962, in Norway, MI. He was employed at Grede Foundry for 5 1/2 years before moving to Escanaba in 1964. Bruce and Karin resided in Escanaba for over 40 years during which he worked for Harnischfeger for 18 years and Rapid Electric for 10 years. He then took a position as a purchasing manager with Manistique Papers, Inc. for 14 years until his retirement.

Bruce loved the Lord and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Escanaba for 30 years where he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, youth leader and led home Bible studies. He was a member of Grace Church in Gladstone for 9 years and served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, small group leader and a member of the building committee. In 2007, he and Karin moved back to the Iron Mountain area and he has been an active member of the First Baptist Church in Norway since that time.

Bruce had a love of sports and enjoyed playing softball, volleyball and

basketball. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening, working in the woods and construction. He was an outgoing person, hardworking, loved to laugh, and enjoyed the company of good friends. Bruce loved his children and grandchildren dearly and always encouraged them in their pursuits and interests. His seven grandsons brought great joy to his life. The past five winters he lived near his grandsons, daughter and son-in-law in Ekalaka, Mt. He was a loving and caring husband, brother and uncle and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Karin; a son, Mark Norman of Birch Run, MI; a daughter, Kim (Jim) Pardee of Ekalaka, MT; three brothers, Harold (Edna) Norman of Fair Oaks, CA, Don (Grace) Norman of Iron Mountain and Florida, and Myron "Mike" (Carole) Norman of Citrus Heights, CA; four sisters, Barb Trepanier of Iron Mountain, Lois Packard of Cleveland, Anne (Gary) Rochon and Lucille (Jim) Edgar, both of Iron Mountain; seven grandchildren, Joshua (Brandy) Pardee, Jeremy Pardee (fiancée, Abby), Jordan (Laura) Pardee, Jacob, Jared, Jaden and Jace Pardee; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bruce was preceded in death by a son, Steve Norman in 1997 and a brother, Gordon Norman in 1995.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 26th, at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. at the church. Dr. Stephen C. Patrick will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Bruce's memory.

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

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Funeral Service

DEC **26**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
120 O'Dill Road
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Karin and family,

I have great memories of Bruce as a leader in the church (Calvary Baptist). I am so thankful for the influence Bruce had on my life as I was growing up in Escanaba. He set such a great example as a wonderful father, husband, and a man who loved the Lord! May God fill you with His grace and peace at this difficult time.

Mark and Lily Nelson

Mark Nelson - Madison, WI - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To the family of Bruce Norman.

We are all so so sorry for your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Bruce was such a kind man, and always put a smile on our faces. It Was a real pleasure to have had him in our life's. as it is to have all of you. God bless you all. Love the MRNAK'S.

The Mrnaks - Ekalaka , MT - December 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Jim and Kim,

Even though we never met your father, by the comments, he was a godly man. We thank God for men that leave a legacy to the next generation. We are praying for your family at this time.

Jim & Molly Loup - Wilmot, SD - friend of Jim and Kim - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was part of the group hiring Bruce at MPI. He brought a professionalism to the job and set a new standard for his position. He always had time for a quick chat and a fast smile. My condolences to your family. God speed Bruce.

DAVE BLAHNIK - MANISTIQUE, MI - ex co-worker - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ To Bruces whole family, I grew up along with Bruce and the Pine Creek kids, and have a saddened heart. He was a wonderful boy, teenager, and man. My sister was also a good friend of Barbara's. I also shared my faith with Karin, growing up in the First Baptist church in Norway. So the years melt away now. I am so sorry for your loss, but in a certainty, God prepares for us a beautiful welcome and I know Bruce had open arms waiting. Peace and strength to all of you in his family. Sincerely, Patsy

Patricia (Styberski) Kuhl - Temple, TX - classmate from kindergarten on - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Kim, Jim, and all the Pardee Boys,*

So sorry to hear about Bruce. I recall the times when we were out in Montana and had the chance to visit with him, he always seemed happy with a smile on his face. He was happy to be out there...you could tell. I wish for all of you God's grace during this time. Please let me know if I can help in any way.

God's Peace,

Ricky Sanville

Ricky Sanville - Marquette, MI - Family Friends - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *To the Bruce Norman Family,*

We were very shocked to hear of the passing of Bruce. He was such a vibrant person. He was a pleasure to be around. He will be truly missed.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Love and God Bless,

Virgie & Don

Don and Virgie Pirlot - Niagara, WI - Friends - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Karin , Kim, Jim and all the J's and now the beautiful daughters in law. I am so sorry for your loss. Bruce was truly a man of God. An example to everyone. Bruce brightened every room with his big smile and wonderful humor. He made everyone feel loved. Bruce made my life better for knowing him. Thanks for sharing him with Me and my whole family. Donna Lundgren

Donna Lundgren - MAPLE GROVE, MN - Friend of the family - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Karin, Kim, Mark, and children -

I am so sorry to hear of your loss of your husband, father, grandfather, brother - Bruce is a man of God that influenced my family and many others. He will be greatly missed - but I know that you rejoice in His home going to our heavenly Father. My prayers are with you. I am sorry I am out of town and cannot extend my sympathy or give you a hug.

Debbie Stiglitz - Wilson, MI - Friend of family - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Kim ,
All our thoughts are toward you and your Mom and family in these early hours of Christmas. What a loss at this time of year but a glorious Christmas celebration for your Dad. Someone once told me when I lost my Dad.. that death comes to the rescue. In death then there is true freedom from this worldly body. We are sadden with you and my thoughts are toward you so many times during the day. I pray that you will feel the Lord's hand holding and cradeling your hearts today and the days to follow. with much love, Judy, Lance and Bette

Judy Pardee - FL - sister in law - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dear Karin, Kim and Mark,
Harl and I send our love and wanted you to know we are praying for you and your family. We are saddened to hear about Bruces passing and are praising God he is with our Lord now and is without any pain. We love you and have enjoyed your friendship through the years and your hospitality and loved being in Bruces bible studies in Sunday School and all the fellowship at your home. We have always praise God for sending Bruce and Karin into our lives as new Christians so many years ago. Thank you for showing us how to be Christians and show our light like you and Bruce have always done. You were such great role models and examples. Love from Harley and Diedra

Harley & Diedra Wunder - 1834 HWY M-35 Bark River, MI - friend - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Bruce was a very special man. I enjoyed the Bible studies he lead when in Ekalaka, which is where I met Bruce and Karen. My prayers go to all of his wonderful family, what joy to know we will see Bruce again. Karen, my heart goes out to you at this time, God is faithful and supplies just enough--your God and family will be there for you. God Bless you. Love, Sharon

Sharon Stene - Brainerd, MN - friend - December 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mr. Norman was very generous and kind. I really enjoyed the time he took me and Mark Norman to a Tiger's baseball game.

Our condolences and the family will be in our prayers.

John & Lori Krzeszewski

John & Lori Krzeszewski - Waterford, MI - friend - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Norman family.*

Love, Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn

Blanche Trepanier Tuxhorn - St. Petersburg, FL - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Dear Karin, Kim & Jim & family,*

Our hearts go out to you today. How thankful we are that Christmas is all about Immanuel--"God with us". It's not about who is here...or who is missing. May you be very aware of God's presence with you at this Christmas season. And as Bruce celebrates his first Christmas in Heaven, may you know the comfort of the Lord. We love you.

Leaning on Him, too.

Bob & Pat

Bob & Pat Anderson - Ekalaka, MT - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *When visiting our hometown Bruce was always at the mini class get togethers. He had that contagious smile and was always kind and welcoming.*

God be with him in peace, RoseBud

Bud and Rose Meyer - Tucson, AZ - High School Class Friends - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Karen and Family,
My deepest Thoughts and Prayers to you and your Family during
this time of the passing of Bruce. May God's Blessing shine upon
you and be with you.

Your Friend,
Ann Streichert and Mike King...

Ann Streichert - Escanaba, MI - Friend - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ You will be greatly missed Uncle Bruce. I will always remember the
good times. Loving you always!

Jennifer - Iron Mountain, MI - Great Niece - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Mrs. Norman,

I remember you as my 1st grade mentor at Soo Hill School many
years ago. Bless you and your family in this time of loss.

I had the pleasure of later working with Bruce at Manistique Papers
as a sales rep. He always spoke of family and enjoyed talking about
Norway and our families. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Marc DeRidder
Kimberly, WI

Marc DeRidder - Kimberly, WI - Colleague - December 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

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Tyler - Iron Mountain, MI - December 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM