



## Carl F. Lemin

October 25, 1933 - October 7, 2021

Carl F. Lemin, Jr., 87, of Kingsford passed away Thursday, October 7th, 2021, at Dickinson County Healthcare System in Iron Mountain.

Carl was born October 25th, 1933, in Ishpeming, son of Carl and Katherine Lemin. He graduated from Ishpeming High School and later graduated from Northern Michigan University with a teaching degree. On June 15, 1974, he married Jacqueline Balzarini.

Carl played many high school sports and excelled in all of them. He was also a very good ski jumper, and he loved the fact he jumped off of Pine Mountain. Carl, also known as "Crafty," was a premier fastpitch pitcher. He met and made many close friends during that time, and he played the sport the same way he coached: the purpose of the game is to win; to dilute the will to win is to destroy the purpose of the game.

Carl's first teaching job was in Felch, MI, where he taught social studies and coached basketball and high school baseball. He later became the principal of Felch Schools, and when the schools combined, he became the first principal of North Dickinson where he remained for 29 years. He also served as athletic director and coach, during which time he touched many lives with his style of coaching and direct teaching, especially inspiring the young athletes he worked with. Upon retiring from North Dickinson he was given a lifetime pass

to all ND games, his own chair and parking spot, and the greatest gift of all: the naming of the school gym after him. Thank you to all Nordic Fans; he will always be a Nordic.

After retiring from ND he went to Kingsford to coach basketball where he would once again touch many young lives with his style of coaching and strict discipline. He then returned to ND where he coached girls and boys basketball for many years. His Nordics loved him and surely learned to be better people by knowing him. One of his players once said, "Mr. Lemin gave us a Christmas present-he let us get a drink of water during practice." He would bring out whatever talent his players had; he knew everything going on with his players. He even kept many pictures of his teams, and he still knew every one of his players' names, remembering everyone he ever coached.

Carl also enjoyed golfing at Oak Crest with his son-in-law, John, Bill Menza, and many friends. He put in many rounds of golf and yes, he counted every one of them. Almost every night Carl could be found at some type of sporting event, either as a spectator or a volunteer. Carl and Jackie enjoyed many trips to the casino and spending time watching their sports and playing Cribbage.

Carl is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jackie; his daughter, Debby (John) and their children, John, Bryan, and Laura and her sons, Steven and Dalton; Jon and his children, Logan and Erin; Don and his sons, Nicholas and Nathan; Tom (Yvonne) and their children, Andrew and Amanda; and Marie and her daughter, Mya; ten great grandchildren, Brianna, Jordan, Miley, Alexis, Lauren, Shelby, Koen, Bronson, Landon, and Marshall; Sister Judy, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by his in-laws, Verna and Charlie; his brother-in-law, Chas; his sister, Shirley; granddaughter, Brianne; his niece, Pamela; brothers-in-law, Stuart and Robert; and daughter-

in-law, Jennifer.

The family would like to thank his card buddies, coffee buddies, great friends, sports buddies, his Nordic family, Dr. Schroeder, Dr. Olson, Dr. Morel, Dr. Hamidi, and Dr. Shaker. The family also hopes you can join them to celebrate Carl's life; please come with a story to share and feel free to wear your athletic attire.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 16, from 1:00 - 4:00 with a closing prayer at 4:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Carl F. Lemin online at [www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Carl F. Lemin.*



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October 14, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Attended ND in the early 80s. When we thought we were pretty good hitters, Carl would pitch to us in the school gym. He said he would pay for any lights we broke if any of us could hit his pitching... we never broke any lights. Great memories of a guy who modeled leadership. He really supported kids from our small school and lifted us up by showing us he expected more from us. You never wanted to let Carl down. He was one of kind. You will be missed Carl. RIP*

*Dan S class of 83'*

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**Dan Siegler** - October 14, 2021 at 05:58 AM



“ *Carl and I had some epic pitching battles over the years. Off the field,he would always ask how you were doing even up to 2019 at Burger King,where we enjoyed our once a year chats when I would drive the farthest to play in the Flivver open with his friends,Dick Berlinski,Clay Willman,"Zeke" Secrist and Tom Bates. My condolences go out to his family and friends..Bill Groleau KHS class of "61 "*

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**Bill Groleau** - October 13, 2021 at 09:04 PM

JS

“ Pitching in softball. Remember the time, when my father, and that tournament team, went into the losers bracket, and Carl pitched 7 games. I remember watching them in Gladstone at 4 in morning. I will not be able to attend, as I have a sporting event, he would say satch, getter done.

John Sacchetti - October 13, 2021 at 12:29 PM

DA

“ Mr Lemin, was also a Drivers Training teacher. I drove from Felch High School to Ralf where gas was 25 cents a gallon and a pack of cigarettes was 35 cents. My memories are of small quips he would say with a grin. See you later.

Dawn - October 12, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Carl F. Lemin.



October 12, 2021 at 02:59 PM

BA

“ Carl will always be remembered by me for his involvement in area sports as a player , coach, AD and a friend. May God Bless R.I.P. Carl.

Brian Adams

Brian Adams - October 12, 2021 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ *Carl Lemin was my history teacher at Felch High school. He was an inspiration to me. He was my favorite teacher. I will never forget his caring for his students.*

Judy Johnson Silverstone - October 12, 2021 at 10:53 AM

MH

“ *Debby , Sympathy to you and your family .... Never forget you were the best daughter ever 🙏*

marian hiatt - October 12, 2021 at 10:33 AM

TL

“ *Tami (Johnson) Lucero lit a candle in memory of Carl F. Lemin*



Tami (Johnson) Lucero - October 12, 2021 at 05:34 AM

AN

“ *Mr. Lemin was one of my high school basketball coaches at NDHS. He is one of the reasons I became a teacher and coach. I will always remember him fondly!*

Ann - October 11, 2021 at 09:29 PM