



## Chester Shelgren

January 22, 1921 - January 22, 2013

Chester W. Shelgren

92 of Quinnesec formerly of Stambaugh, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford. He was born on December 28, 1920 in Gaastra, son of the late Oscar and Pearl (Moger) Shelgren. He attended school in Stambaugh, graduating from Stambaugh High School in 1939. Chester enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduation, and saw action in Okinawa during WWII. Upon being Honorably discharged he returned home, where he married Shirley Cavadias on November 11, 1950 in Gaastra. They spent nearly 56 wonderful years together, before she preceded him in death in June of 2006. He worked for the Iron County Road Commission for 30 years, before retiring in 1983. He was a lifelong member of the Iron River Elks Lodge and the American Legion Post #17 of Stambaugh. He loved hunting and fishing, but his true passion was gardening and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Orville Shelgren; a sister, Editha Gedvick; a son in law, Timothy Recla; a granddaughter in-law, Jessica Recla.

Chester is survived by his children, Brad (Trudy) Shelgren of Iron River, Denise Recla (Doug Buck) of Quinnesec, Cassie (Tom) Domina of Chicago, IL, and Tracy (Alan) Borchardt of Maple Grove, MN; grandchildren, Craig

(Erin) Recla, Doug (Katy) Recla, Josh (Jennifer) Domina, Jake Domina, and Jaci Domina; two great grandchildren, Timmy Recla and Lou Recla

The family would like to extend their sincere gratitude for the loving care and family-like environment the Freeman Nursing Home provided.

Private family services will be held.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Chester W. Shelgren online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ *A kind and gentle man with a big heart. Will always remember how proud he was of his garden. Devoted grandpa and best at cradling babies.*

*We feel honored to have known him.*

*Our thoughts are with you.*

*Chris and Barb Domina and family*

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**Chris Domina & Family - Alsip, IL - Friends** - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I will miss Chester and the way he always said "Hello dear" to me. He was such a kind man. I am glad I got to know him.*

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**Judy Taylor - Niagara, WI - Dietary Cook at Freemans** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *My sincere condolences to you all. I miss my grand father every day and I hope Chester is with him now to keep him company. I didn't get an opportunity to spend time with Chester but if he was anything like him he will be truly missed. Interesting that they passed on at the same age!*

*Kelly*

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**Kelly Shelgren-Paparotti - Morgan Hill, CA - Orval Shelgren's grand daughter** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *May your memories bring you comfort. With our deepest sympathy.*

*Nancy and tom*

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**Nancy and Tom Beber - Iron River, MI - Friends of family** - January 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Brad, Trudy and family,  
Please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of your  
father.*

*Dave and Sharon Barnsdale*

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**Dave and Sharon Barnsdale - Florence, WI - friend** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. What a wonderful  
photo you have chosen, that really captures your Dad. I will always  
remember he and your Mom shopping at the store. They were  
always upbeat with a smile and would take time to chat with me.  
May God bless your father and your families, Sincerely, Rex.*

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**Rex Angeli - Iron River, MI - Friend** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all of Chet's family. You are a close  
family because your mother and father loved you all so much and  
cherished family togetherness. May you stay close, always. May  
your father rejoice in Heaven, at last. Love, Jeff & Linda Borchardt  
family*

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**Linda Borchardt - St Michael, MN - T & A sister-in-law** - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DU

“ *I would like to extend my sincere sympathy on the loss of your loved one.*

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**dick domina - Oak lawn, IL - Tom domina's uncle - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

BM

“ *My condolences on your loss.*

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**Bob Fineman - Munising, MI - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

TM

“ *Brad, Denise, Cassie, Tracy, and family,  
Expressing our deepest sympathy to all of you in the loss of your father. Sending all of you our love and prayers at this difficult time.*

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**Timm, Mary, Brooke Fornetti, and Nancy Zigman - Iron Mountain, MI - January 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CT

“ *Brad, Trudy and Family,  
Sorry for your loss.  
Carl and Tracy VanDusen*

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**Carl and Tracy VanDusen - Iron Mountain, MI - friends of Brad and Trudy -  
January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

GN

“ *Sorry to hear about Chester's passing. I'm sure he is in a good place with Dad, Edith, Gram, Grampa and those in the family that have gone before.  
Gary*

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**Gary shelgren - San Jose, CA - Nephew - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM**