



Clarence "Putsie" Baker

August 31, 1935 - May 14, 2011

Clarence A. "Putsie" Baker, 75, of Quinnesec, died Sat. May 14, 2011. He was born on Aug. 31, 1935 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Clarence K. and Signe C. (Thunell) Baker.

Clarence graduated from Kingsford High School in 1953. He was a welder at Lakeshore, Inc. for over thirty-two years and then at Customer Metals until his retirement. He also served as a volunteer fireman for the Breitung Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Putsie enjoyed golfing and was a member at Oak Crest Golf Course. He was actively involved in baseball. He played ball for the Kingsford Cardinals and also played softball. For over thirty years he coached baseball in Quinnesec. He also enjoyed snowmobiling.

Putsie served as the union president for the United Steelworkers at Lakeshore and had served on the board at the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Federal Credit Union. He was a member of the First Covenant Church, where he had been an usher.

Putsie was a mentor to many children and was a major influence in his grandchildren's lives. He was a proud father and grandfather, who was truly loved by his family.

He is survived by three children Terry Baker of Niagara, Karen (Scott) St. Peter of Lake Linden-Hubbell, and Mark (Debbie) Baker of Seymour, WI, 6 grandchildren Bryon (Heather) Baker of West Bend, WI, Whitney (Robbie Recla) Baker of Green Bay, Chris (Jessica) Zablocki of Port Washington, WI, Casey (Kayla McCormick) Zablocki of Denver, CO, Cyle Zablocki of Lake Linden-Hubbell, and Thomas Baker of Green Bay, two great granddaughters, Romilly Clare and Vienna Grace Baker, and another great granddaughter due in July.

He has a surviving sister Alice (Oliver) Nygard of Quinnesec, a sister-in-law Polly Baker of San Antonio, a favorite niece Cheryl (Joe) Gardipee of Norway, a special aunt Evelyn Thunell of Quinnesec and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Putsie was preceded in death by his brother Willard Baker and his special uncle Ernest Thunell.

Visitation will be Wed. from 4-7pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 7pm Wed. at the funeral home. Rev. Rodney A. Johnson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established to encourage and aspire junior golfers.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Clarence A. "Putsie" Baker 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

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ *To the Baker Family,
I received this news from my Dad yesterday and am shocked and saddened by this news.
Putsie was a friend to all people and was especially a big part of what made living in Quinnesec great. He probably taught most kids from the seventies on, how to play baseball as well as all about good sportsmanship! As the years pass, I still thought of the lessons he and Stan Strehlow taught us and other kids that had the privilege of meeting him.
I last stopped at his house last summer to catch up on the years that have passed. I will miss him, as will all of Quinnesec.*

David Alquist - Westminster, CO - May 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Always a pleasure to be around great guy.*

David Dario - Fellow Worker - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *May the Lord hold you close to His heart at this time of sorrow even as we share your grief with you!
It is our prayer that the Lord will uplift and carry you through this difficult time and in the days ahead.
God Bless,
God's Peace!
In His Love through Jesus Christ,
Pr. Rod and Dolly*

Pr. Rodney Johnson - Laurium, MI - Pastor and Friend - May 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ To the family of Putsie. Things will not be the same out at Oak Crest without him. He was a very good man. I will greatly miss him. .

Lisa Edberg - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I would just like to extend my condolences to the Baker family at this sorrowful time in the passing of Mr Baker. May the good Lord be with you all and give you peace and strength. And may God bless the Baker family.

Bruce Tippett - Marinette, WI - Friend of a family member - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ PUTSIE WAS A GOOD FRIEND AND A JOY TO PLAY GOLF WITH. MY CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, HE WILL BE MISSED. LOT OF FUN IN THE FALL SCRAMBLES.

JON CARLSON - NEW PORT RICHEY, FL - FRIEND - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Terry, Karen, Mark, Bryon, and the rest of the Baker family - I was so sad to hear of the passing of your dad and grandpa. Like my dad, I thought he would always be around. Putsie was such a caring, giving person who would do anything for his family. What wonderful lessons he and my dad taught us about love, encouragement, acceptance, and support! None of us would be who we are today without their presence in our lives. It will be hard to edure the gap in your life left by Putsie's passing - cherish your memories and remember that love lives on in your heart forever. Love you all - Marilyn

Marilyn Reed - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM