



Earl Runnels

December 21, 1935 - December 21, 2010

Earl M. Runnels, 75, of 638 Lake Ave., Quinnesec, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 at his home.

Earl was born on May 18, 1935, in Mishawaka, Ind., son of the late Earl and Crystal (Hirsh) Runnels. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy and served his country for 16 years with time aboard the USS Intrepid and other vessels during the Korean and Vietnam War era. When he was honorably discharged from the Navy, Earl began his career as a respiratory therapist. He moved to this area in 1976 and worked for a few years at Dickinson County Hospital.

Earl married Nancy Baker on June 21, 1977, in Iron Mountain. Shortly thereafter, he took a position at the V.A. Hospital where he was employed for many years, retiring in 1994. Earl was actively involved in church and local area ministry. He loved spending time outdoors hunting, fishing, gardening, planting flowers, doing yard work, and feeding deer and birds in his back yard. Most of all, Earl enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; four daughters, Nichole Runnels of New York, Melissa Runnels of Quinnesec, Chris (Bob) Perry of Manistique, and Sharon Bilski of North Carolina; two sons, Michael Runnels of Australia and Anthony Runnels of Texas; three sisters; Cleo Smith, Erma Young, and Donna

Genson; brother, Marvin Runnels; sister-in-law, Sheila Runnels and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Earl was preceded in death by sisters, Leona Harland and Virginia Blaisdell and brothers, Norris and Bill Runnels.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Pastor Wynne Kimbrough will officiate.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Earl M. Runnels online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Baptist Church
1295 Pyle Dr.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EF

“ *My deepest condolences for your loss. While i didn't know Earl personally, it's apparent what an incredible man he was and what a great impact he's had on the world and those around him.*

May his memory and the times you've shared together always remain a part of you.

Eric Bacolas - friend of the family - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Nancy, it was great having you for neighbors all those years. Our condolences to you and your family. You will be in our prayers. With our deepest sympathy, Sharon & Reid Hansen*

Reid and Sharon Hansen - Bullhead City , AZ - We were neighbors for 29 years
- January 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WV

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. Earl was such a great man! So fun to be around. Will keep your family in our prayers.*

Winnie Fornetti - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - VA - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Rest in Peace my friend and may God watch over you and your family. It was my pleasure to have been able to enjoy working with such a fine man and fellow Veteran.*

To Nancy and Family, Thank You for sharing Earl with us.

Dick Dabb - Former coworker - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Nancy, we have been blessed to have you and Earl as neighbors. Our condolences to you and your family. You will be in our prayers.

Gregg, Jackie Kaminski and Family - Quinnesec, MI - Neighbor - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Nichole,

We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and your family during this difficult time.

With our deepest sympathy,

Jose and Ana Feliciano

Jose and Ana Feliciano - Hagerstown, MD - December 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Dear Nancy and family,
We are praying for you, may God wrap HIS arms around you and give you comfort. Earl was a kind and gentle man. He will be missed by many.
Nancy you have been the most dedicated care giver ever.

Paula Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ We are so very sorry for your loss at this time of year. Our condolences to you Nancy and your family. You will be in our prayers.

Ralph and Sandy Hoag

Ralph Hoag - Green Bay, WI - friend from V.A - December 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I went to school with Sharon and Mike, so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lori (Gering) Servia - Iron Mountain, MI - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Nancy, and the family. Earl was a peach of a guy and a pleasure to know and work with.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very sad time. He will be missed.

Cynthia and Rod Gordon - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM