



Elmer Bianchi

August 25, 1924 - August 25, 2013

Elmer Joseph Bianchi, 89, of Norway, passed away on Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Elmer was born July 4, 1924, in Norway, son of the late Carlo and Marie (Selna) Bianchi. He graduated from Norway High School in 1943, and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, serving three years in the South Pacific.

Elmer married Jeanette Franzoi on June 19, 1948, at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Vulcan. She preceded him in death in 1991.

Elmer worked for Anderson Motors in Norway for 37 years as the parts manager. He also worked for eight years as parts manager for Riverside Auto in Iron Mountain, retiring in 1989. He sat on the Norway-Vulcan School Board for 16 years and was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church. Elmer enjoyed gardening, playing cards, going to camp and spending time with family and friends.

Elmer is survived by his children, Mary Beth (Jeff) Moraska of Iron Mountain and Michael (Vicki) Bianchi of Quinnesec; grandchildren, Chad and Ciera; many friends from the CLC at the V.A. Hospital; and two homecare providers, Belinda and Sheila.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Clement and George Bianchi .

There will be a private family graveside service. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in the Norway Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Dickinson County Office of Veterans Affairs, or the CLC (Community Living Center) at the V.A. Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elmer J. Bianchi online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

HS

“ *Michael and Marybeth I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father, take care!*

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - Kevil, KY - Friend of son - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mary Beth & Mike,
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in the death of your dad.
Cherish all the good memories.
Bonnie & Milt*

Milt & Bonnie Krznarich - Norway, MI - August 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Dear Bianchi Family-So sorry to hear of your dad passing away.I know how much you loved him. Your in my thoughts and prayers.Paula Johnson*

Paula Johnson - Iron Mt., MI - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Mike and Mary and families: Please know that Tim and I are thinking about you all and hope that the memories of great times growing up and beyond can carry you through this sad time. Your Dad was a soldier like my Dad and I am so thankful for his services to this country. It's very sad to loose a wonderful man and life is never is the same. Sincerely Janelle and Tim Moraska*

JANELLE MORASKA - IRON MOUNTAIN , MI - SISTER-IN-LAW - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *To Elmer's Family,*

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of Elmer. He was the best neighbor when we lived on Norway Hill! The kids still talk about Princess and Fluffo and about picking plums from the tree in the yard. Heaven has a new angel.

Sincerely,

Mike & Danielle Dolfurd & kids, Jesse, Jake & Jordynn.

Mike & Danielle Dolfurd - Vulcan, MI - Former neighbors - August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Marybeth and Mike and family's I was sorry to hear of the death of elmer.my prayers are with your families'.I know its a hard thing to go through. I hope this in some way makes it a little easier for you. ill be thinking of u
jaws*

michael pirlot - iron mountain, MI - friend - August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mike and Mary. My deest condolences on the death of your Dad. He will be truly missed.*

Respectfully,

Mike DeBakker and Family.

michael debakker - milwaukee/norway, WI - friend - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Your Dad was bigger than life...I loved how when he walked into a room he was so confident and he had such a commanding presence. I smile thinking that this did not change even during his illness - he will be missed.

He also raised two wonderful and caring kids- I hope I will be able to look back on my life and be just as proud as he was of Mike and Mary.

If there is anything I can do please let me know - God Bless and remember that your Dad is in a peaceful place with no pain and he has finally gone home to be with your mom:)

Maryanne Gibler - Klngsford, MI - Family - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ god bless an peace on earth love from the family of the Gyselinck

Evelyn Gyselinck - norway , MI - cousin - August 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM