



## Ernest Bart" Bartolameoli

July 10, 2013

Ernest Bartolameoli "Ernie Bart" has found his way home to the great camp in the sky where he'll be greeted by many family members and friends who are awaiting his famous rabbit and polenta dinners. Ernie was 92 and passed away very peacefully on July 10 surrounded by his loving wife and children and special friend Dennis.

He was born on August 15, 1920 to Amadeo and Kathryn (Fedrizzi) Bartolameoli. He was preceded in death by his parents; and all of his siblings: Gaeno; Guido; Jolo; Minnie Simmons; Linda Weiser; and an infant sister, Mary. He graduated from High School in 1938 and attended Technical Training in Ironwood MI. Following his return, he worked for Ford Motor Company and then became the Custodian of Amidon Elementary School where he stayed until his retirement in 1982. Ernie was an integral part of the "Amidon Team" and in fact, Peter Vanlaanen (Principal) wrote his Masters Thesis about the unique role Ernie played at the school, finding himself wiping runny noses; bandaging bruised legs; knowing the children by name; breaking up fights on the playground; walking kindergarten classes to his wonderful wife Clarine for juice breaks or mini field trips; assisting teachers; and becoming a close personal friend to all of the faculty and staff. Ernie developed a special friendship with Dennis (Sue) Veale who met Ernie on his first day of teaching there and has remained a close friend of the family and became a surrogate son to both Clarine and Ernie.

He married his wonderful and loving wife Clarine (Paquin) in February, 1945 and they have spent 68 years together in Iron Mt with her providing years of TLC, and always "standing by her man". In addition to Clarine, Ernie leaves his special caregiving daughter and son-in-law, Julie and Danny Poeschel; a son and daughter-in-law Gary and Sharon; two grandchildren: Tracey (Don) and Steven (Amy) and a great grandson, Logan Kaminski. He also has one surviving sister-in-law, Vera (Jolo) Bartolameolli; cousin Lu (Specs) Bartolameolli; and two nephews and two nieces.

Ernie's favorite things in life were weekends at Camp Stahav; rabbit hunting; running his beloved beagles; fishing; playing mota; and fancying himself the best smear player east of the Mississippi.

In his later years with his health failing and Clarine wearing out as his caregiver, his personality remained quite tart and colorful, he was fortunate to find the "Hyland Nursing Home Team" who adopted him as the "resident character" and accepted his self designed language (Ernie Speak) with a smile and plenty of TLC. Ernie's special caregivers are too numerous to mention and span all roles at Hyland. Dr. Ryan and special nurse Tami were very supportive thru his medical journey. Thank you to all of you who helped to make his final years comfortable.

A memorial luncheon and celebration of Ernie's life will be held this Saturday at the Elks Club at 1:00 p.m. We invite his family and friends to come and share memories of Ernie, and offer support for his devoted wife Clarine and dedicated family. Fr. Joe will bless the luncheon and pray for Ernie's peaceful ascent to the great camp in the sky at 1:00 p.m.

Condolences to the family of Ernest "Ernie Bart" Bartolameolli may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home is assisting the family with his passing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Elks Lodge 700  
1001 Cedar Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ I am sorry to hear about Ernie's passing. I remember him well when I was a student at Amidon grade School. He was such a pleasant and memorable person. I always remember how he used to say my name as "Forcey's and a ski" everytime he saw me in the hallways. He was always happy and I have thought of him off and on in the passing years. I was always a very shy person in my younger years and he always managed to put a smile on my face whenever I saw him. I'm sure he will be missed by many. I just wanted to let you know that he truly was a very special person.

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**Roberta "Dale" (Forcey) Marquis - Amberg, WI - former Amidon student - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ Ernie will be missed. Enjoyed his visits when he would stop at my restaurant in Coleman to have a bite to eat...My sympathys to Clarine and Family.

*May he rest in peace...Peggy.*

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**Peggy (Spigarelli) Hansen - Coleman, WI - Friend - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

YJ

“ So sorry to hear of your father's passing. I just made a visit to the UP for my Aunt Verona Olson's 90th bday. Nice time but she passed, from a massive stroke on 7-13-13. Glad to see her one last time. God be with you all. It gets easier every day.

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**Yvonne Bates Lesser - Fort Collins, CO - H.S friend of Gary and Julie - July 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

NF

“ *MEMORY ETERNAL!*

*My life has been Blessed by knowing the Bartolameolli family. The weeks to follow will be difficult, but the Beautiful Memories you have of your Husband and Father will shine through all your tears. I never got to know him except through his wonderful Son, Gary. I will have Mr. Bartolameolli remembered in Masses at Orchard Lake St. Mary besides in my own personal prayers.*

*Memory Eternal!*

*In Christ's Love,  
Nora*

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**Nora Jacobs Wojciechowski - Royal Oak, MI - Friend - July 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

BF

“ GOOD FRIEND SINCE 1970 OR SO. MEMORIES ARE NUMEROUS!

1. MET HIM AT "SPINS" AT THE WINTER SMEAR TOURNEYS. THOUGHT THIS GUY WAS A S.O.B. WAS I WRONG. OF COURSE HE THOUGHT HE WAS THE BEST PLAYER. UNFORTUNATELY " SPECS, GOOCH OIEN, STIFF, LOUIE BARR, PETE THE TRAPPER, TONY SPIG, LAMONTE. COW MENUCCI. AND MANY OTHERS THOUGHT THEY WERE BETTER. HE DID HOLD HIS OWN I THINK BECAUSE HE COULD YELL JUST AS LOUD OR LOUDER AS THE REST OF THE {DAGO} CROWD. FIRST TIME AND ONLY TIME I PLAYED A GAME CALLED "BOSS" WAS ON A SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN THE FALL WHEN I WAS ABOUT 26. GOT A LESSON IN LIFE THAT DAY FROM HE AND THE OTHERS. LOVED WHEN HE WOULD CALL AND ASK IF I WANTED TO GO RABBIT HUNTING. I WAS A YOUNG "COWBOY" BUT HE STILL TOOK CARE OF ME. I QUIT HUNTING A LONG TIME AGO. ALWAYS SAID "COWBOY" I HAVE RABBITS IN THE SHED AND COME AND GET THEM. ALSO A VENISON NECK ROAST WAS A COMMON TREAT IN THE FALL. BLESS YOU "ERNIE BART " AND YOUR FAMILY

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Bob Copley - IRON mOUNTAIN - friend - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Years ago,probably 40yrs, Mike and I bought a diningroom set from Ernie. It was a beautiful old wood table and 4 chairs. Well we still have that set and is in our dining room. Still in pretty good shape!!! I also remember Ernie at Amidon. He was such a great person. We send our sincere sympathy to his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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Mike and Debbie(Pilot) Oberdorfer - Kingsford, MI - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *What an awesome Man loved him I worked with him as a student Janitor from 74-76. We lost a good one but I am betting our Lord is getting a hunting story as we speak. With all my sympathy David LeTourneau*

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**Dave Letourneau - Escanaba, MI - Friend** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *So sorry to hear that Mr. Bartolameolli passed away. Although I haven't lived in the neighborhood for 40 years, I remember when I was a kid running/riding bikes down the sidewalk past the house and always getting a friendly "Hi" from both Mr. and Mrs. Bartolameolli. When my mom (Lorraine) used to take summer evening walks with us kids they were usually sitting out in the yard and we'd stop to talk for a while before going on our way. Having only attended Kindergarten at Amidon, I didn't have much exposure to Mr. Bart but I do remember him as the friendly janitor. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

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**Denise (Mariucci) Rowell - Iron Mountain, MI - Neighbor** - July 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *My sincere sympathy to Julie and your entire family. Julie I remember you from your first year of teaching. What an excellent teacher in that poorly run system. I hope life has been good for you. My father passed away a number of years ago in Iron River and I can appreciate what you are feeling. May God bless you.*

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**Ron Olson - New Berlin, WI - friend** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ I have so many memories of us and your family and Ernie. I always thought he talked so oddly when he would call me Al-ith. I certainly didn't know I had a lisp! He wrote us excuses for being late to school and he was always so darn funny. When I returned to Amidon as a visitor after college, Ernie was the custodian-greeter who took me to the lounge for coffee, introduced me to the staff, and gave me the guided tour. He did like giving tours. Remember his Seven Wonders of the U.P. Tour? Ernie was a fighter till the end. Now he is at peace. Maybe he has met up with the "Nortside" Bocce Crew and is enjoying some Smear or Bocce.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I pray that God gives you peace and grace to enjoy the memory of Ernie in his days of good health. Salute and cin cin, Ernie. May you now be in a better place of good health.

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**Alice (Brosio) Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ Aunty Kitty, Gary, Julie & family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Ernie's passing. He was a wonderful man  
and I cherish all of the memories that my family has shared with yours.  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love to you all.

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**Patti Amicangelo-Campbell - Chesterton,, IN** - July 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DK

Avery good guy, along with Clarine and daughter, Jelz. If there are rabbits in heaven, they should be nervous. My condolences to all. Ernie was wonderfully "old school" and fun to be around.

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**D. Kallio** - January 07, 2017 at 12:34 PM