



## Fabian Steinbrecher

June 4, 2007

FELCH - Fabian Edward Steinbrecher, 94, of W5902 Groveland Mine Road, Felch died Monday, June 4, 2007, at his home.

Fabian was born on Oct. 16, 1912, in Swanson, Mich., son of Eugene and Elizabeth (Srnka) Steinbrecher. He was raised in Menominee County and worked as a young boy for his family's dairy farm. Also, as a young man, he worked for the other area farms.

On June 25, 1940, Fabian married his wife, Luella (nee Ruggles) and together they started their family in Longlake, Wis.

Fabian was always a forward thinker and very positive about his future. He began working in the logging industry and was able to use his earnings there to buy a small farm in Felch where he and Luella eventually moved to in 1947. It is here where Fabian started potato farming.

Fabian and Luella made their home on the Groveland Mine Road and together had six sons and two daughters. In 1963, Fabian began building their home. From the beginning of construction, Fabian discovered his love for rocks, marble and granite. He decided to incorporate the materials into more areas of their home, until the finished product became a lasting testament of his passion to geology. Eventually, he also developed an interest in cutting

and polishing stones which he found on his land. He took the raw materials and turned them into works of art which adorn his home and yard.

Fabian also had a special interest in gardening, particularly in cacti and wildflowers. Fabian also loved to travel with his wife, and they were able to visit Europe, Alaska, Russia, Rome, Moscow, South America and several islands.

In 1970, along with his brother, Robert, Fabian was awarded "Farmer of the Year."

Fabian was so proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He was especially pleased to see his legacy of potato farming carried to the next generations.

Fabian's lifelong interest in stones, gardening and all his life's experiences made him such an enjoyable conversationalist. Although his family and old friends will dearly miss him, his accomplishments and passions in life will be his legacy.

Fabian is survived by his children, Fabian (Ivandra) Steinbrecher of York, Pa., Margaret (Neil) Ort of Appleton, Wis., Carol (Ken) McGaw-Steinbrecher of Dassel, Minn., Carl (Marilyn) Steinbrecher of Felch, Patrick (Judy) Steinbrecher of Felch, Paul (Madelynn) Steinbrecher of Felch, and Scott Steinbrecher of Felch; a brother, Robert (Dorothy) Steinbrecher of Felch; 26 grandchildren, John (Glenda), Russel (Jill), Gail, Frank (Dee), Lee (Kelly), Brent (Angela), Linda (Mark), Chis (Shiloh), Lisa (Chris), Joel (Penny), Alexander (Danika), Fabianne (Mike), Philip, Christopher, Chad (Becky), Angela (John), Travis, Jeffrey (Susan), Jennifer (Jason), Natalie (Tony), Nicole, Trish, Krista, Miranda, Maggie, and Mollie; 27 great-grandchildren; Mary Pat Steinbrecher of Kingsford; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Fabian was preceded in death by his wife, Luella on April 7, 1994; a son, Frank Steinbrecher; grandsons, Joseph and Douglas Steinbrecher; a great-granddaughter, LoriAnn Bischoff; brothers, Eugene and Wilbur Steinbrecher; sisters, Ruth Steinbrecher, Anita LaCombe, Lucille White, Olive Cappaert and Grace Nolan; and a daughter-in-law, Linda Steinbrecher.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Church in Foster City.

Funeral services will be on Friday at 11 a.m. from St. Joseph Church in Foster City. Fr. Dick Mroz will offer the Mass of the Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

His grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Fabian's memory to St. Joseph Church in Foster City.

Condolences to the family of Fabian E. Steinbrecher may be expressed 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

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“ Dear Carl and family im so sorry to hear about uncle Fabian are thoughts and prayers are with you all

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**steve & diane burch (steinbrecher)** - June 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Carl, Marilyn & Family

*Sorry I missed you when I called the other day, but you are all so busy in this time of grieving. Just wanted to let you know again that all of you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. Hope to see you soon. Janet (Nord) LeDuc*

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**Janet LeDuc** - June 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ To all the Steinbrecher family... my thoughts are with you as you say goodbye to Fabian. It was truly a gift to be able to meet and talk with him last summer. He shared such wonderful stories of his time at Maribel Caves with us. It was a treat indeed to meet someone with such a love of rocks. Though it is certain he will be missed, we hope you will treasure the good times and memories you share with each other. Blessings to you all, Letha Welch - Member, Friends of Maribel Caves Park, WI

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**Letha Welch** - June 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ On behalf of the Michigan Potato Industry we send our condolences to your family. Fabian was a pioneer in the potato industry. His name frequently is mentioned as a person who lived by the beat of his own drum. Clearly his love of farming and enjoyment of the beauty of nature was evident in his work, home and hobbies. We wish your family well during this time of grief and celebration of Fabian's life.

*Ben Kudwa  
Executive Director  
Michigan Potato Industry Commission*

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**Ben Kudwa** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Rusty and Jill:

*Our sincerest sympathy is extended to you and your family during this difficult time. May you keep your grandpa's memories close to your hearts and he will forever be a part of your lives. Rusty, you were blessed with so many of your Grandpa's great genes.....a kind, sincere, hard-working man you are, just like him.*

*Know that as time moves forward, the tears will lessen and you'll be able to find joy at the end of this grieving period. May you find peace knowing that you were blessed with his presence as long as you were. Be grateful for that :)*

*You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult moment. May god bless you today and always.*

*Much Love-Tim and Teri Sponenburg*

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**Sponenburg Family** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Madelynn, My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time.*

*Michelle Graves of Iron river, mi*

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**michelle graves** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Dear Pat, Judy, Rusty, Jill, and All, So sorry to hear of the passing of your Father and Grandfather. Although we met him only a few times it was obvious what a kind, loving man he was. We hope you're able to find peace during this sad time. He lived a long and wonderful life. We should all be so lucky.*

*God Bless, Larry, Robin and Girls*

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**Larry Gardepy Family** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *To all our dear friends in the Steinbrecher Family, We would like to extend our deepest sympathies on the passing of one of the kindest men we have ever met. He has blessed this community with his history of hard work and gentle spirit, and he has left behind a true legacy. As you continue the work he started, We're sure you will have many fond memories and stories to share of a man whom will surely be missed by all. God Bless, Darrell & Danette*

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**Darrell & Danette Hagman** - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Margaret and all the family: My heartfelt sympathy to each of you in the loss of your father. What a wonderful legacy he has left and I'm sure you have many fond memories to share. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Lou

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**Mary Lou (Kenny) Baldrice** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Dear Carl, Marilyn and family,  
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your Father. Wont forget his sense of humor and goodness he showed to all. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Nita and Glen.

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**Nita and Glen Westphal** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Carl and families, With our deepest sympathies, on the passing of your father. What a great and interesting man, always making us feel welcomed in his home. His sharing of his rocks with all the guys that have come up with us to hunt at your place. All the interesting stories he has told. He will truly be missed and never forgotten. Please remember that you and all your family members are in our thoughts and prayers. Troy, Dillon, Allyn, Todd, and Travis Brugger.

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**Troy I. Brugger and Family** - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM