



## George J. Blagec

March 3, 1926 - January 31, 2014

George J. Blagec, 87, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, January 31, 2014 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

George was born March 3, 1926 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Emil and Anna (Kobasic) Blagec. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1944 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Following graduation, George was drafted into the United States Navy and he served his country during WWII. He was employed by U.S. Steel on the Ore boats for over 43 years, starting as a deckhand and later as a wheelsman, retiring in 1986. A big part of George's life was being a very faithful member of American Martyrs Catholic Church. He was a dedicated servant to God, never faltering in his faith and in turn touched many lives. He was also a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Baraga Council 1585 and served as Grand Knight. George was an avid sports fan. He could recite statistics of any MLB player and was especially fond of Ted Williams, Stan Musial and Joe Dimaggio often saying "Those three guys were so talented they looked good striking out." He had a uncanny ability at remembering names and dates. He especially enjoyed cheering on the Kingsford Flivvers and was a permanent fixture in the south end bleachers at Flivver Field.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews and a sister-in-law, Beverly Blagec.

George was preceded in death by his two brothers, Peter and Joseph Blagec.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:30am at the Kingsford Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Dave, Dale, Duane, Trinity, Evan, Ethan and Brent Blagec.

Condolences to the family of George Blagec may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2  
Iron Mountain, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Funeral Mass

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

SS

“ Dear Bev and family, Vern and I are so sorry to hear about George passing. He was a super guy and he was always there with kind words for me when I worked as housekeeper for Fr. Joe and American Martyrs for 14 years. He will be missed by many people as he always had a kind word for everyone. Rest in Peace George and please know you are all in my and Vern's prayers. The Blagec family will always have a special place in our hearts. God Bless you all. Love, Sally and Vern Sawall

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**Sally and Vern Sawall** - February 05, 2014 at 11:48 PM

DP

“ I'm sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle George. My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family.  
Danny Pietrantonio

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**danny pietrantonio** - February 05, 2014 at 01:20 PM

DO

“ My name on the last comment is Douglas St. Onge not Douglas Onge

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**Douglas St. Onge** - February 05, 2014 at 10:42 AM

DO

“ Sorry to hear of George passing. I will miss seeing him at mass on Sunday mornings at American Martyrs Church. I enjoyed talking with George especially about his iron ore carrier days. I had that in common with George because my first job after I graduated from Kingsford High School in 1954 was on the ore carriers on the Great Lakes.

*Doug St. Onge*

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**Douglas St. Onge** - February 05, 2014 at 10:38 AM

SB

“ I remember playing cribbage with George at my Grandma's house (Frances Johnson). He was a nice man. Sorry for your loss.

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**Susan Balkum** - February 04, 2014 at 07:08 PM

DD

“ We are so saddened to hear of George's passing. Because we are out of town presently, we are unable to attend. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Love to all, Doris & Tom Dishaw

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**Doris & Tom Dishaw** - February 03, 2014 at 10:00 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of George J. Blagec.



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February 03, 2014 at 03:42 PM

JO

“ *Our heartfelt condolences to all the family members.*

*John and Joyce Erickson*

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**Joyce** - February 03, 2014 at 02:54 PM

MB

“ *We are so sorry for all of you. He was a very nice man. We are thinking about your family as you say goodbye to Uncle George. Blessings,  
Mike and Mary Barlament*

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**Mary Barlament** - February 03, 2014 at 02:36 PM

LA

“ *I knew George when I was A kid & he was always so nice to everyone!  
I'm sorry for your loss & God Bless. Lee Arvey Muskegon, Mi.*

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**Lee Arvey** - February 03, 2014 at 01:05 PM