



## George J. Hirn

July 14, 1922 - June 2, 2019

George J. Hirn, Jr., 96, of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI.

George was born on July 14, 1922 in Iron Mountain, son of the late George J. Hirn Sr. and Clarissa (LaViolette) Hirn. After graduating from Kingsford High School in 1942, he joined the United States Army and served during WWII as a Staff Sergeant with the 37th Division Infantry in the Philippines and South Pacific Theatre, earning many military honors, including a Bronze Star. He married Arlene Poquette in 1944, and she preceded him in death in 1989. He was employed as a materials foreman with Kimberly-Clark for over 30 years, retiring in 1983. George was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 510 and was a scout leader for many years. He was also a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford, the American Legion Post 363, the Golden K, the Golden Throats and the Knights of Columbus where he was 4th Degree, a past Grand Knight and served in the K of C Honor Guard. He spent many years playing piano at local nursing homes and community events. George was an active volunteer in numerous organizations and church activities.

He is survived by his children, Gary (Toni) Hirn of Arizona, Cindy Hirn of Iron Mountain, Denise (Jesse) Brown of Kingsford, Donald (Dawn) Hirn of Florence and Ronald (Lisa) Hirn; 15 grandchildren and 31 great-

grandchildren.

Along with his wife, Arlene, he was preceded in death by his son, Randy Hirn; a grandson, Tony Sleik; a great-granddaughter, Haili Ann Dawson; 2 brothers, Edward and Robert Hirn; and a sister, Lillian Anderson.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 21, 2019 from 8:30 - 10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home in Kingsford. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Friday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery. The American Legion will conduct military graveside honors.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Church  
908 W Sagola Ave  
Kingsford, MI 49802-5336  
(906) 774-0630

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Would like to offer my condolences to the entire Hirn family as you deal with your loss. When I learned of George’s passing it brought tears to my eyes. I have so many good memories of George and Arlene opening their home to a little boy who was hungry, lost and needed a roof over his head for a few hours. The kindness shared, not only with me, but to countless number of scouts throughout the years by George and Arlene is truly unmeasurable. Although at the time ( or later) I wasn’t able to properly thank him for the generosity given to me so long ago, I am pretty sure that anyone who knew George knew that he was a giving man. He was always thinking of others and trying to make this world a better place. To his credit, I know today I am a better person for the lessons I learned not only as a scout when George was the Scout leader for Troop 510 but learning from his unselfishness he had toward others. In short, If I had a choice, I would have chosen George to be my father.*

*I know in my heart that the good Lord is listing to Arlene & George as they sit at the piano and bring a smile to all within ear reach. I hope I am able to make the visitation in person and say goodbye to some who may not have known how influential he was in my life, but I am hoping to share with his children, in person, how great of a man I thought he was.*

*Thank you George for being such a great man and may God Bless you and your family always.*

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**Charles Ellis** - June 06, 2019 at 01:00 PM