



Herbert F. "Herb" Knudsen

July 17, 1928 - May 31, 2014

Herbert F. "Herb" Knudsen, Jr., 85, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 31, 2014, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 17, 1928 in Kingsford, son of the late Herbert Sr. and Ellen (Bodine) Knudsen. Herb graduated from Kingsford High School in 1946 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, serving his country in Japan from 1946-48. Herb married Doris Chapman on April 17, 1954 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain and she preceded him in death on March 31, 2012. He was employed by Wisconsin Electric Power Company for over 30 years, retiring in 1992. Herb sat on the Kingsford City Council for 35 years, serving four terms as Mayor, and was instrumental in starting the Kingsford Heights picnic. As a token of gratitude for his years of dedicated service, the city of Kingsford named a street and a pavilion after Herb. He was a member of Pine Grove Country Club, the American Legion Post 363 in Kingsford, the Kiwanis Ski Club where he served as a past president and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church where he sat on the church council for many years. Herb was an avid sports fan and enjoyed golfing. He faithfully followed the Maize & Blue and U of M teams. Herb and his wife, Doris, never missed a home or away Flivver football game and especially enjoyed watching their grandchildren play sports. Spending time with his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought him much happiness.

He is survived by one son, Jon (Wendy) of Breitung Township; two daughters, Kathy (Donn) Edwards of Kingsford and Laura Brodersen of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren, Kary Edwards, Josh (Sam) Edwards, Megan Clows, Danielle (James) Perri and Derek Knudsen; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Herb was preceded in death by a grandson, Jacob Edwards; two sisters, Ada Christesen and Thelma Syrjanen; and a brother, Gifford Knudsen.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at noon at the church. Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Josh Edwards, Derek Knudsen, David, James, and Tom Christesen, and Kevin West.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial scholarship at Kingsford High School will be established in Herb's memory.

Condolences to the family of Herbert F. Knudsen may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ HERB WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON, I SO ENJOYED SERVING WITH HIM ON THE KINGSFORD COUNCIL, BUT BETTER YET HE WAS A GREAT FAMILY MAN AND A ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY. HE WILL BE MISSED, BEST WISHES TO HIS FAMILY. SINCERELY, JOE STEVENS.

joe stevens - June 05, 2014 at 11:25 AM

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“ Herb will be missed. He had a great impact on many lives. I will miss him. Peter Meyers Fellow member of KHS 1946 Class

Peter Meyers - June 04, 2014 at 11:33 AM

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“ YOUR DAD WAS A WONDERFUL MAN WITH ALWAYS SOMETHING TO SAY. WE SO ENJOYED GROWING UP NEXT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. SINCERELY, SALLY AND LISA ROUSE

SALLYY BADEAU - June 03, 2014 at 04:46 PM

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“ To Kathy and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our two dads worked together years ago and you and I were such good friends. We had a lot of fun in High School and I remember sleep overs at your house on many occasions. My mother and I send our thoughts and prays out to you and your family. Kathy (Ring) Meyers and Lois Ring.

KATHY (RING) MEYERS - June 03, 2014 at 02:28 PM

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“ I have been a friend of Herb all my life and we had a lot of good times in the Heights...Linda my wife and I were with herb and Willie Erickson after a Flivver tournament football game in Gaylord when his best friend Clare Willman had his Mini stroke. I visited with Herb the last couple of years at the Flivver Open...we'll all miss his smile,kind words and humor. Bill Groleau

Bill Groleau - June 02, 2014 at 08:50 PM