



## James Balmes

February 18, 1929 - May 4, 2006

James E. Balmes

KINGSFORD - James Edward Balmes, 77, of 516 Harding Ave., Kingsford, died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at Hyland Nursing Home in Iron Mountain.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1929, in Marquette, the son of the late William and Rae (Feeley) Balmes. He graduated from Bishop Baraga High School class of 1947. Jim was a member of the United States National Guard out of Ishpeming, and was a part of the medic unit.

He married Marjorie Ann Nelson on July 29, 1950, in Marquette at St. Peter Cathedral.

James attended dental courses, and was licensed by the National Board for Certification and referred to as a CDT (Certified Dental Technician) by the American Dental Association. While in Marquette, he worked at the Quinn Dental lab. He began his career at the VA as a dental technician on March 24, 1952. Jim founded the Balmes Dental Lab and worked with the VA Hospital in this position until his retirement on March 17, 1984.

He was a member of the St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. He enjoyed hunting and playing cards. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, and his dog, Harley Ann. Jim gave 25 years of volunteer

service to the VA Federal Credit Union.

Jim is survived by his wife, Marjorie; children, Nancy Ann (Mark) Bertrand of Howell, lower Michigan, Paul (Theresa) Balmes of Kingsford and David (Laurie) Balmes of Iron Mountain; four grandchildren, Michelle and Nicole Bertrand and Zachary and Kalli Balmes.

He was preceded in death by an infant granddaughter, Kristine Balmes.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Burial will be at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Special thanks to Dr. Leonard and his staff, and the staff at Hyland Nursing Home for their wonderful care.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ DENNIS(GRAEVERAET '47)&MARIE(BISHOP BARAGA'47)BERNIER WISH TO CONVEY OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU MARJORIE,& YOUR FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF YOUR BELOVED HUSBAND & FATHER, JIM. UNTIL MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN 1940 I (DENNIS) LIVED JUST 3 DOORS WEST OF JIM'S CHILDHOOD HOME. WE OFTEN PLAYED TOGETHER. I KNEW HIS MOM & DAD QUITE WELL.I KNOW JIM STRUGGLED WITH HIS AFFLICTION FOR A LONG TIME.THERE IS A PASSAGE IN SCRIPTURE WHICH SAYS GOD WILL NOT TRY US BEYOND OUR ABILITY TO ENDURE. I OFTEN THINK HE OVER ESTIMATES OUR ABILITY.MY ASSOCIATION WITH JIM & HIS FAMILY IS FONDLY REMEMBERED.

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**dennis bernier** - May 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Although my memories of James comes from my childhood, I remember him as always smiling and friendly. That in itself is Testament to how much his Family meant to him, and made him happy. Please accept my condolences in this sad time.

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**Debbie Brocker** - May 09, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jim and i have been cousins for the past 66 years but at this point i have never met jim but would like to send my condolences to the family. Have lived in florida for the past 30 years so have lost touch, again my condolences. RON

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**Ronald Peura** - May 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *We are sorry to hear about Jim's death. Please accept our condolences. Dick and Nancy McLaughlin, Marquette, Michigan*

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**Richard and Nancy McLaughlin** - May 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM