



## James Byers

September 20, 2009

KINGSFORD - James Lee Byers, 61, of 137 Lawrence St. in Kingsford, died unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born July 3, 1948, in Goodman, Wis., son of Irene (Cox) Byers and the late Donald Byers. Jim graduated from the Clinton Central High School in Michigantown, Ind. He served four years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

Jim was a longtime resident of this area and had many different positions during his working career. He was a foreman for Kingsford Broach & Tool, owned and operated the Sagola Service Station in Sagola, did carpentry construction, worked for Lake Shore as a purchasing agent, and was currently working in purchasing/project management for Customer Metal Fabrication. Jim also worked part-time for Schultz Equipment in parts and service. He was a hard worker but always made time for those he knew and loved.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. He was passionate about the sport of trap shooting and sporting clays. He won the Indiana State Championship some years back. He served as president of the Merriman Sportsman's Club as well as the Sagola Sportsman's Club. Jim was an avid University of Michigan fan and enjoyed playing cribbage and 500

rummy.

He is survived by two sons, Michael (Ann Marie) Byers of Broomfield, Colo. and Brian ( Jackie) Byers of Quinnesec; his mother, Irene Byers of Ossineke, Mich.; one brother, John (Melanie) Byers of Forest, Ind.; four grandchildren, Sydney and Mackenzy Byers and Bianca and Marley Byers; his dearest and loving friend, Jenn Merrill of Kingsford; his adopted family, Eric and Amy Merrill and their children, Tyler, Emily, and Abby of Foster City; and Martin Merrill of Plano, Texas; loving inlaws, Gilbert and Delores Moredock of Whitestown, Ind.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ To Jim's family, We had the opportunity to get to know Jim through Faith Baptist Church in Crystal Falls when he attended there before moving to Iron Mountain. He was a good man & we were saddened to hear of his passing. Our very deepest sympathy & prayers go out to you.

Kay (Enstrom) Arcand & Edith Enstrom - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To the family of Jim Byers. We are so very sorry for your unexpected loss. Our hearts go out to all of you especially my Aunt Irene who I love so very much. I can't emagine what your going through. Love you always. Rodney

Rodney Reed and Family - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ I am sorry to hear about Jim passing. He was a good man. I worked with him at Kingsford Broach and Tool when he was a foreman there and he was always nice to work with.

Gary Twigg - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We would like to express our deepest sympathies in this time of sorrow. We both knew Jim and he was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you try to make it through this difficult time, just remember...."If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it." With love, Dan, Jessica, Danny and Joey

Dan & Jessica Weber & family - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Mike, Brian, John, & Irene,  
The Mary McMath family and myself, were all saddened to learn of your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim was a good man and we know he will be greatly missed.  
Love, Joyce Byers and the Mary McMath Family

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**Joyce Byers** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Dear Mike, Brian and Family,  
Our heartfelt sympathy to your families for the loss of your Father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. We both worked with Jim at Lake Shore. What a great guy. Glad we had the opportunity to know Jim. Hold on to the memories and keep them alive in your heart.

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**Bill & Trish (Gribble) Kelly** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DY

“ Words are insufficient to express my sadness for your loss, nor can they heal your wounds but my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Dad must have been a great guy to produce a son like you. He must have been proud of that. Fly on the wings of your loved ones through this tough time. Together we get through it.

*My deepest condolences*

*Daphne*

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**Daphne Young** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Mike - I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and very best wishes are with you and your family.

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**Peter Bohne** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To the family of Jim Byers--we are so sorry about your recent loss. We were blessed with the opportunity to get to know Jim and know that he will be missed very much. Hugs and sympathies to you all.  
Jim and Erin (Wickman) Carlson and family

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**Jim and Erin Carlson** - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM