



James Koelbl

October 7, 2007

BARK RIVER - James F. Koelbl, 68, of Bark River, died Friday, Oct. 5, 2007, in Marquette County.

He was born Sept. 14, 1939, in Sugar Bush, Wis., son of the late William and Delores (Lehman) Koelbl. He attended schools in Sagola and Channing.

Jim worked in the woods for most of his life, but also worked at Harnischfeger in Escanaba for the first 14 years of his married life. He then went to work for Marvin Nelson Forest Products.

In November 1968, he married the former Gloria Dixon in Felch, and they would have celebrated 39 years of marriage this fall.

Jim enjoyed the woods; it was "church" to him. He also enjoyed working on old Fords and in his garden, and country gospel on Sunday mornings.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; three sons, Patrick Koelbl of Ford River and Clinton Koelbl and Derek Koelbl, both of Bark River; two brothers, William Koelbl of Aurora, Wis. and Peter Koelbl of Randville; two sisters, Ruth Koelbl and Rebecca (Kirk) Luke, both of Randville; his mother-in-law, Ethel Dixon of Felch; a sister-in-law, Valerie (Jim) Lucas of Iron Mountain; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Louise.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Clinton, Derek, Bill, and Pete Koelbl, and Jim and Adam Lucas. Pat Koelbl will be an honorary pallbearer.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of James F. Koelbl at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Gloria and boys - Val, Jim and boys - and Ethel, we were so sorry to read, via internet, about Jim passing away, you all have our deepest sympathy. Joanne & Allen*

Joanne & Allen Shangle - October 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *To the Family of Jim:*

It's been many years since I have seen you but I remember fondly the visits made to our house when I was in my youth. I can still picture Jim w/ his "Pug" giving each of us Oman kids a ride!!

My parents have always spoke so warmly of you and I know they are also so sorry to hear of Jim's passing.

*May you find comfort in God and all of the memories you have.
Warmest Condolences.*

Mary R. Oman (Wesley and Arlene's Daughter...kid #8 of 10) :)

Mary - October 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Dear Gloria, So sorry to hear about the sudden loss of your husband. May God comfort and strengthen you. Praying for you and your family. God's Peace, Denise Nault*

Denise Nault - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ All of us here at the Ford River Home send our condolences to Gloria and the rest of the Koelbl family. We too will miss Jim very much and will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

The Ford River Staff - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Gloria and family...
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We were saddened by the news of Jim leaving this life. I'm sure he's found peace and happiness in heaven. He was a genuinely nice guy. We'll remember him fondly.

Tim worked with Jim for the Nelsons. He and Tim had the same birth date. Years ago, when they were on the same job, I'd send a cupcake for Tim and an extra for Jim too.

Since moving to Flatrock, I'd occasionally see Jim on 416 coming or going to work at the shop...he always had a smile and wave. We will miss him.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Tim & Jill Hurkman

Tim & Jill Hurkman - October 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM