



Jean Barbe

July 15, 1933 - July 15, 2011

Jean Louis Barbe, 78, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday July 15, 2011 at ManorCare Health and Rehabilitation Center in Kingsford. He was born on February 9, 1933 in St. Charles, Ontario, Canada, the son of the late, George and Juliette (Fournier) Barbe. Jean was from a big family and was born on the family farm in Canada. After graduating from Sudbury High School, he attended Michigan Technological University on a hockey scholarship. Four years later Jean graduated from Michigan Tech. with a degree in Metallurgical Engineering and a silver NCAA medal. He married the former Sheila Ann Richards on June 8, 1957 in Hancock, MI. Jean's engineering career started first in Canada and then moved to Arizona. He settled in Iron Mountain to become a partner in Northland Equipment and Supply where he retired from in 1985. Because he enjoyed all aspects of his work so much throughout the years, his retirement was short lived. Jean went back to work in sales in the Chicago area before returning to Iron Mountain to manage Pine Grove Country Club for several years until his second retirement. Jean was very family oriented and loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He also loved to play golf and was a terrific cook and French bread baker.

Jean is survived by his wife, Sheila; daughters, Mary Bridget (Larry) Wetzel of Gainesville, FL, Julie (David) Sprenger of Laurium, MI and Cally (John) Furton of Highland Park, IL; grandchildren, Diane, Daniel and Douglas Wetzel and Andrew, Grant and Reid Furton; sisters, Georgette LaLonde of Sudbury,

Ontario, Aline LeCoup of Sudbury, Ontario, Alice (John) Souliere of North Bay, Ontario and Claire (Kenneth) Conlon of Coniston, Ontario. He is also survived by a sister in law, Mary Clare (Raymond) Branz of Naples, FL and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Rene, Ernest and Hector Barbe and a sister, Germaine Halverson.

Visitation will be Monday, July 25th from 10-11:00am at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Monday July 25th at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church . Fr. Paul Nomellini will offer the Mass of the Christian burial.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in his memory to the Alzheimers Assoc. Greater Michigan Chapter, Upper Penninsula Region. 710 Chippewa Square #281, Marquette, MI 49855 or the Dickinson Co. Cancer Care Unit/Loan Closet.

Condolences to the family of Jean Barbe may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ *It has been a long time but I have very fond memories of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Vicki (Van Vreede) Hietpas - Appleton, WI - July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *Sorry that I could not make it to the service for Mon oncle Jean Louis. I have great memories spent at your house as a child and enjoying the affection from my family to yours.*

Please take strength from all of these memories,

Best regards to lovely Aunt Sheila oxox

Charles Barbe - Coniston, Ontario (now Toronto) - July 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *Our deepest sympathies to all the family. I will forever cherish the wonderful memories of my Uncle Jean-Louis growing up in Coniston.*

Victor & Helen

Victor Lalonde - Montreal - nephew - July 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Wishing you peace.*

Please know our hearts are with you.

Love, The Baileys Family

Pam Baileys - Hudsonville, MI - Friend - July 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of your beloved husband, father & grandfather. Losing a loved one is never easy. Yes, he is at peace, but it is those left behind that must now endure the pain. It's a new journey, a new dimension in your life. You'll find ways to get thru it, but never over it. Take it one day at a time. Stay close to one another. His memory will comfort and bring peace to the many hearts he touched. Remember - "They're not gone until they're forgotten". Rest in peace, Jean. You've earned your wings! God bless his family and grant them the strength to accept Your will. With love & sympathy - jan & paul

Jan & Paul - friend/neighbor - July 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Mary Bridget, Julie and Cally, and your families, My deepest sympathies on the passing of Oncle Jean-Louis. I remember visiting Iron Mountain as a little girl. I will print the obituary to share with my mother, Aline Lecoupe, and aunt Georgette Lalonde. Love, Claire

Claire Lecoupe - Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada - cousin - July 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *Dear Cousins*

I remember that my parents along with their 4 children were in Iron Mountain for Easter. This is going back a long time ago.

Your parents had hidden Easter treats for the kids to hunt for.

Someone remembers, someone cares, your name is whispered in someone's prayers.

With heartfelt sympathy we are thinking of you.

Mike & Lise Forestell

Daughter to Alice & Jean Souliere

Lise Souliere Forestell - Sudbury, ON CANada - niece - July 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. I remember your dad fondly - he was a wonderful person!*

Lisa Mueller

St. Paul, MN

Lisa Mueller - St. Paul, MN - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *My sincere sympathies go out to Jean's lovely family and my good friend, Julie*

Linda Sorsen - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Just Call On Me*

*I can't comprehend just how sad you must feel
For the loss of someone you love.
This sorrowful time must still feel unreal
And you're looking for strength from above.*

*I hope, from my heart, that your pain will decrease,
That your spirit will gain strength again,
And I pray that your faith will create inner peace
And that God will send blessings--Amen.*

*Till then, if you need me to lighten your load,
I'm waiting to come to your aid.
Just call on me, and I'll walk down that road,
Until the dark times start to fade.*

betty & ron parker - friend - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ *Our sincere condolences to Sheila and to my cousins (who, unfortunately I have never met). Although we had lost touch over the years, I have very fond memories of my "oncle Jean-Louis" while I was growing up in Coniston. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. May your many wonderful memories help you through these difficult moments.*

Claudette (Lalonde) and Bernard Forestell

Claudette Forestell (Georgette's daughter) - Ottawa, Ontario Canada - niece -
July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Cally & John - We were so sorry to learn of your fathers death. We know that he had been very ill but it is still hard when that time comes. Just wanted you and your family to know that you all are in our thoughts & prayers.

Love, Uncle Denny & Aunt Carolyn

Dennis & Carolyn Furton - Punta Gorda, FL - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Dearest Sheila, Mary, Julie, Cally, husbands and families.*

As you celebrate the life of Jean-Louis, remember his softness, kindness, generosity, and human spirit. He was the best! The legacy left by someone so special is his gift to you Sheila, and your family.

We keep fond memories of early family gatherings, and especially the unique 'couples' friendship we shared since 1957.

A life well lived, leaves fond memories....may your hearts be comforted by these.

Our last gift of friendship to Jean-Louis and to you, would have been to be present with you, unfortunately, we can only be with you in spirit and keep you are in our hearts.

May you find Comfort and Peace today, and always.

Joe and Noreen Barbe - Coniston Ontario CANADA - cousins - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

C1

“ *Dear Cally,
So sorry to hear of your father's passing.
Thinking of you.*

Cathy Johnson Menza - Class of 1982 - July 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM