



John W. Alquist

March 15, 1933 - December 10, 2017

John W. Alquist, 84, of Quinnesec, passed away on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at Dickinson County Healthcare System. John was born on March 15, 1933 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Walter and Delphine (Labre) Alquist. He has been a lifelong resident of Quinnesec and currently lived with his wife Patricia in his childhood home. John went to grade school in Quinnesec and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1951. While in high school, he was a member of the student council and played football for four years. After graduating, he went on to study Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Tech University. John also served in the United States Army during the Korean war years. He was honorably discharged in 1956. Following his military service, John went to work for Lakeshore Inc. He was employed there for thirty seven years and retired as a senior project engineer. John married the love of his life, Patricia Neuens on March 27, 1979 in Escanaba. He and Patricia enjoyed traveling to Arizona, Las Vegas, Ohio, South Dakota and Colorado. They also visited London, England.

John was a member of American Martyrs church in Kingsford. He grew up attending St. Mary's church in Quinnesec and served as an Alter boy and later on the Parish Council. He was extremely active in many community and civic organizations, including, Boy Scout Troop 524 of Quinnesec and the Breitung Twp. Fire Department. John was a member of the US 2 Bypass Committee, the Township Planning Commission and served as the chairman of the Breen

Senior Center Council for many years. He headed the Quinnesec Centennial Book Committee for the Centennial in 1976, and in 1996, wrote the last twenty years and republished the Centennial Book. John was past treasurer of the Dickinson County Genealogical Society and was its president for fourteen years. In 2006, he received a lifetime achievement award for his service. He traveled to Bay City, Michigan to receive the State History Award for distinguished service from the Historical Society of Michigan. Besides volunteering, John's hobbies included, doing things with family, history and genealogy. John gathered many old pictures of the Quinnesec area and designed the display that is located at Fumee Falls. He also helped design the memorial to the Quinnesec School that is located at the Township Hall. John is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Timothy (Debra) Alquist of Iron Mountain, William (Antonella) Alquist of Lone Tree, CO, David (Carolyn) Alquist of Westminster, CO, Robert (Melody) Alquist of Fort Lupton, CO, William (Wendy) Lake of Breitung Twp. and Steven Lake of Kingsford; Daughters, Betty Aversano of Iron Mountain, Debra Seymour of Marinette, WI and Tina Fetterly of Kingsford; eighteen grandchildren and many great grandchildren; also by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his sisters, Ethel Alquist and Helen Berlinski; brothers, Robert and Phillip Alquist.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2017, from 8:30 am to 10:30am at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am at American Martyrs Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Alquist online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Church
908 W Sagola Ave
Kingsford, MI 49802-5336
(906) 774-0630

Tribute Wall

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“ *On his way to the post office, John always stopped to say hello and greet us when we were home in the summer sitting on the front porch. Our condolences to John's family. He'll be missed. The Thunell's*

Barbara Thunell - December 21, 2017 at 11:08 PM

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“ *The Dickinson County area and beyond are richer places because of John Alquist. His love of local history, particularly his beloved Quinnesec, resulted in an archive of information and photographs which will live on throughout the generations.*

I was blessed to have been involved with John through local history projects and through the Dickinson County Genealogical Society. John served as treasurer and then president for many years, keeping the society going and undertaking projects to help those searching for ancestors in our area find information.

John was kind, patient, friendly and a true gentleman. The world was richer for his time here, and he will be missed, but we know, as a man of great faith, that he is with the Lord and at rest.

Bill Cummings

Bill Cummings - December 14, 2017 at 03:31 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of John W. Alquist.*



December 13, 2017 at 02:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John W. Alquist.*



December 12, 2017 at 10:55 AM