



## John H. Bertoldi

August 19, 1956 - July 13, 2015

John H. Bertoldi, 58 of Niagara, passed away on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay after sudden heart failure in the parking lot at Lambeau field after judging a BBQ event. He was born on August 19, 1956 in Norway, Michigan, son of Elaine (Pancheri) and the late Robert Bertoldi. He attended school in Norway, graduating from Norway High School in 1974. John went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan, and his Master's from Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois.

John lived and worked in Chicago for 12 years, working for Marshall Fields Company. He returned to the area to work as the Office Manager of Bertoldi Oil along with his brother Jim Bertoldi. He loved his BBQ, especially the smoke of the BBQ. He was a certified KCBS judge and Table Captain. He was working on becoming a Master Judge.

John is survived by his Mother, Elaine Bertoldi of Norway; his loving partner, Frances Vandervest of Niagara; a brother, James (Marsha) Bertoldi of Iron Mountain; his sisters, Trish Cescolini (Don Hood) of Cave Creek, AZ and Sally (Bill) Hood of New Zealand; a nephew, Joseph (Lexi) Lewis of Sydney, Australia; 2 great nephews Ari and Emanuel Lewis of Sydney, Australia; 3 special children, Erik Rasmussen, Kate (Jason) Koehler, and Megan Rasmussen; 3 grandchildren, Hailey, Logan, and Kayla; special friend, Gino K. Carollo

The visitation will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Fr. Raymond Valerio will officiate. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery. A memorial will be established in his memory.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:31 PM

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:29 PM

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*Fran and John 2011 family reunion*

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:30 PM

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*Fran and John*

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:35 PM

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:23 PM

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**Bill Hood** - November 14, 2016 at 10:18 PM

TI

“ *Even though we were competitors in business I always appreciated sharing a story with John or talking BBQ. He will be missed.*

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**Tony Cecchi - Halron Lubricants Inc** - September 21, 2015 at 04:02 PM

GL

“ *I knew John, like most of you, through BBQ. John spoke to our BBQ class at FVTC about BBQ and competing. He was passionate about BBQ, family, and friends. He taught me about enjoying life through what you loved to do. Always a laugh, sip of sweet bourbon, and good food. I will remember John for not what he did but what he was, a good man, and more importantly a good friend. Gods Speed, John. You will be truly missed.*

*Chef Gary Lyons*

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**Gary Lyons** - August 10, 2015 at 03:15 PM

MV

“ *I knew the young John, the smoothest talker with the lady's, always a gentleman and a man's man. I know that he'll be missed. Michael Veselik-Mazatlan, Mexico*

Michael Veselik - August 08, 2015 at 06:42 PM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of John H. Bertoldi*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - July 21, 2015 at 06:53 PM

HM

*My sympathy to John's family and friends. He was a nice, fun, fellow that I got to really know later in our lives'. I know he will be missed by many.*

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - July 21, 2015 at 06:55 PM

Maria Langsford

“ *Family in thoughts and prayers Maria langsford*

Maria Langsford - July 20, 2015 at 06:45 PM

MK

“ *Elaine, Sally, Jim and Trish...I just found out about your loss and wanted to pass along the Krohmer family's condolences. We all have so many wonderful memories of the Bertoldi family.*

*Elaine, in this photo of John, I see you so quickly...I think John had your eyes and smile.*

*We will be with you in spirit.*

*Bob, Mary, Mark and Jon Krohmer*

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**Mark Krohmer** - July 18, 2015 at 08:27 AM

TS

“ *Dear Bertold Family*  
*Our sincere condolences on the loss of John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. I only knew my cousin John through Facebook. I enjoyed his pictures and his thoughts. I had hope to connect someday. Till we meet.*

*Terri, Michael, Nicole, Elisa, Christina*

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**Terri Simi** - July 18, 2015 at 06:51 AM

 Joseph  
Lewis

“ Growing up on the other side of the world from my uncle John I got to see him about every 4 years. In between that there were occasional emails, mostly him giving me sage advice on girls/women.

*When I think of my time with John the first thing that comes to mind is his generosity and how many miles he drove me, for various reasons, on my visits. Whether it was between Norway and Green Bay or even Chicago. I remember him driving me to Chicago, him sleeping in an arm chair overnight while I got the bed and then dropping me at the O'Hare before driving home to Iron Mountain!*

*As a teenager he once drove me clear to the other side of Chicago to buy a genuine Cubs game jersey. I think he may have paid for it too!*

*John was also the one who helped me pick out my first suit – forest green microfiber!*

*Then there was the time he was determined to get me to the twin cities to visit our cousins, even though the roads would almost certainly be closed before we made it. We didn't get there but the journey was long enough to expand my musical education (not that John needed much time for that!). Although I replaced it some time ago with MP3 files on iTunes I probably still have the cassette of The Eagles Greatest Hits somewhere in a box. For me Seven Bridges Road has always been John's song and it will always be.*

*John always went out of his way to make me welcome and include me whenever I visited. He introduced me to his wonderful friends. I had some genuine fun times with my Uncle Buck and I miss him already.*

*Tonight I'll have a bourbon for you Boss Hog.*

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**Joseph Lewis** - July 18, 2015 at 05:21 AM

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**Sally Bertoldi Lewis** - July 17, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *I like his sister knew the young John best. I spent many evenings listening to (The Band) practice. My deepest sympathy to the family. Your many warm memories of John will keep him in your hearts always. Patsy Alexanderson Schultz*

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**Patsy Schultz** - July 17, 2015 at 04:10 PM

SL

“ On behalf of the Norway High School Class of 1974, I extend our sympathy and love to Fran & family, John's family and his many dear friends. John was an integral part of our class through the years and was always part of the planning committee for our class reunions. At several of them he performed our class song "Imagine" (John Lennon) and none of us will ever hear that song again without thinking of him. His kindness and generosity was felt by all and we will miss him at our future gatherings. I personally will miss "bumping into" him at The Thirsty Whale. I always enjoyed our conversations, no matter where they took us - past, present or future.



May you rest in peace, old friend. You are gone too soon but you definitely made a difference while you were here, which is all any of us can hope to do.

Sheri (Lardenoit) LeBombard  
NHS Class of '74

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**Sheryl Ann LeBombard** - July 17, 2015 at 01:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John H. Bertoldi.



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July 17, 2015 at 11:24 AM

“ As John’s older sister who’s been living in New Zealand for 41 years, I probably know the grownup John less well than most of you reading this. But I had a very special view of his first 18 years when he was developing those ‘John traits’ that made him special to so many throughout his life. Some of those are

- His ability to charm any female he came across, beginning with his grandmother who named him ‘Rosebud’ – a name we loved to call him far into his life.

- His generosity even when he couldn’t afford it. Dad had a favorite saying: “John will gladly give the shirt off MY back to anyone in need.”

- His coolness under fire. John loved to remind me that I was such a good example of how NOT to communicate with parents or anyone who was going to limit your fun – I answered their questions fully. He often thanked me for my selfless demonstration of all the things he and Jim would never be stupid enough to own up to. He was right and I was a slow learner.

- His positivity and ability to laugh and have fun. This was honed in the battle for his life as a teenager with Hodgkin’s and in being given a second bite at life. Everyone else could cry for him but John was fully concentrated on living.

- Which leads to his stubbornness – a trait he shares with all of his siblings. A charming, friendly, diplomatic stubbornness, but stubborn just the same. When he finally grew to his full height in his teens, he would simply hold our mother off the ground and tease her until she stopped arguing with him and let him have his way. That was something none of the rest of us could ever bring off!

- His musical talent. After Jim and I proved absolutely talentless and drove our musical father to despair, he wasn’t interested in wasting more money on lessons for the third child. So John taught himself. He inherited his dad’s talent with voice and instruments and his love for it. I loved the long haired hippy stage when he was so hopeful of getting into the scene. There will be some buddies of John reading this who know exactly what he got into!

Remembering ‘Rosebud’ here has been so good for my spirits. My close friends down here at the bottom of the world know Jim and

*Trish and Mom from the '70s into the '90s. None ever got to meet the young John I loved. I hope there will be others reading this who will laugh to remember how endearing and maddening that young man was.*

*Sally, Christchurch New Zealand*

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**Sally Bertoldi Lewis** - July 17, 2015 at 04:08 AM

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**Trish Cescolini** - July 16, 2015 at 10:39 PM

AH

“ *Elaine, Trish, and family*  
*I was saddened to read of John's sudden Passing today.*  
*It is my hope that everyone is at peace. Please accept my sincere sympathy at this most difficult time.*

*Allan Huntley*

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**Allan Huntley** - July 16, 2015 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John H. Bertoldi.*



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July 16, 2015 at 03:56 PM

BB

“ *The members of the Great Lakes Barbecue Association extend our deepest sympathies to John's Family and of course to his Daisy! John was a longtime member and supporter of our Association. Many of us competed in the U.P. Hog Wild BBQ Competition for years and John always ran a top notch, cooker-friendly event.*

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**Bruce Bissonette** - July 16, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to John's family. John was gifted in so many ways. He played and sang at my 18th birthday party. We also enjoyed some time together on his family's boat in Escanaba. Many good memories. God's peace.*

*Jim Holmberg - Waukesha, Wisconsin*

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**James Holmberg** - July 16, 2015 at 12:43 PM

GC

“ *Golden House and The Gold Ribbin' BBQ Committee purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of John H. Bertoldi.*



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**Golden House and The Gold Ribbin' BBQ Committee** - July 16, 2015 at 12:33 PM

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“ *We hope you find comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten. Our deepest sympathies to your family. John was a tremendously wonderful man.*  
*Prayers to all,*  
*The Teafoe Family*

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**Natalie Teafoe** - July 16, 2015 at 10:23 AM