



John M. Bjorkman

July 14, 1932 - October 29, 2014

John M. Bjorkman, 82, of Kingsford, peacefully went to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at his home surrounded by family.

He was born on July 14, 1932 in Norway, Michigan, son of the late Oscar and Selma (Johnson) Bjorkman. He attended school in Niagara, graduating from Niagara High School in 1950. He was a lifelong resident of the area. He enlisted in the United States Army serving during the Korean Conflict. Upon being Honorably discharged from the Army, he returned home. John married Shirley Ann Jones on May 31, 1953 at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Iron Mountain, and they have spent over 61 wonderful years together.

John worked as a Millwright for the Niagara Paper Mill for many years, retiring in 1981. He was a very active member of the Cornerstone Community Church as well as the local Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization where he made a special friend, Chris Bambakakis. In his spare time he enjoyed woodworking, and especially loved time spent with his family.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Alice Olson; brothers, Gordon, Marvin, Irving, and Lloyd Bjorkman.; sisters in-law, Emma and Carol Bjorkman and Norma Bjorkman Kringle; Brothers in-law, Rudy Olson and John Fleck.

John is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Ann Bjorkman of Kingsford; his

children, Mark (Paula) Bjorkman of Kingsford, Rod (Sue) Bjorkman of Kingsford, and Colleen (Andrew) Novak of Pembine, WI; eight grandchildren, Joseph, Joshua, John, Jesse, Janna, Kurt, Tina, and Andrew Jr.; five great grandchildren, Paige, Emma, Ashley, Lincoln and Noah; his twin brother, James Bjorkman of Niagara, and brother, Richard (Angie) Bjorkman of Niagara; sisters, Mildred Fleck of Pontiac, MI, sisters in-law, Ilene Bjorkman of Fresno, CA, and Rita Bjorkman of Marinette, WI; further survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The visitation will be held on Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Cornerstone Community Church in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 3:00pm at the church. Rev. James Danielson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

The family would like to express a special thank you to the OSF Hospice staff and volunteers for their sincere kindness and excellent care given.

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

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Community Church
617 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI

Memorial Service

NOV 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Uncle John was great example of loving humanity. He always had an open heart and an open front door. He always made himself available for others needs. I know his parents and family were proud of him and he left us too soon and will be truly missed.
David and Rosemary Bjorkman

David Bjorkman - December 16, 2014 at 11:09 AM

BP

“ My sympathy to the family of John. I didn't have the privilege of knowing John for very long, but I am blessed to have known him for even that short time. He was such a loving, caring and Godly man. I loved hearing his prayers when we prayed at mealtime. He thanked God for all the blessings He gives us and His goodness to us. He didn't dwell on his own pain, but he would ask Shirley if she was doing ok. What a selfless man. I know he has touched many lives as he has touched mine.
May God's peace be present with you as you go through this difficult time.
With Much Sympathy,

Brenda Paulson

Brenda Paulson - November 01, 2014 at 08:56 AM

LF

“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Mark, Rod, Collen and family. So sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Johnny. So many great summer memories of visiting Aunts and Uncles. Uncle Johnny was always so thoughtful, loving and kind, making sure we enjoyed ourselves while we were there. He not only paid attention to the adults visiting, but to the kids also. Heaven just keeps getting sweeter all the time.

Larry Fleck - November 01, 2014 at 05:28 AM

GS

“ Shirley & Family:

I am so very sorry for the passing of John. Growing up next door to you, John was both a part time father & big brother to me. My earliest memory is watching Mark on a blanket in the front yard while you were moving things into your new house. I also remember many swimming trips to Cowboy Lake, helping John when he added on to the house, him helping me swap a motor in my old Ford in your garage and what great neighbors you were to my parents.

It saddens me, that due to on going medical treatment, I am not able to attend the services, but will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

Gordy & Paula Sorensen

Gordon Sorensen - October 31, 2014 at 07:16 PM

JF

“ *Dear Bjorkman Family: My deepest sympathies to you for the loss of a great man. My thoughts & prayers are with you during your time of loss. Jennifer (Sorensen) Flynn*

Jennifer Flynn - October 31, 2014 at 11:15 AM

MK

“ Dear Aunt Shirley, Mark, Rod, Colleen, and family,
How proud John is as he looks down from heaven on his dear family! You are all a great example of true Christians, always there to lend a hand to anyone in time of need. We thank God for having Uncle John in our lives! There are many good times to cherish, as we celebrated weddings, birthdays and family reunions with the Jones and Pozza families. We share your sorrow, as he will be truly missed. Love and prayers are with you all!
Mary and Bob Knoke

mary knoke - October 31, 2014 at 07:46 AM