



John Carlson

April 23, 1942 - April 23, 2012

John W. Carlson, 70, of Iron Mountain formerly of Foster City passed away Monday, April 23, 2012, at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center after a 12 year battle with cancer and his family at his bedside.

John was born and raised in Foster City, where he worked on the family dairy farm, and for Leonard Gedvick as a logger. In 1961, he quit school and enlisted in the United States Army. He received his GED while in the Army and was included as a member of the Felch High School Class of 1961.

He married Judith Coello on Nov. 7, 1964, at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain.

Upon return from the Army, John continued to work on the family dairy farm. He then left the family farm and moved to Iron Mountain to work for Grede Foundry. He was also the operator of the Murphy's Spur on North U.S. 2, and worked for Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling as a well driller and drilled many wells in the local Michigan and Wisconsin area.

John's heart was in farming, and in 1972 he and his wife, Judy moved to Foster City and became the owners/operators of a 125 acre certified seed potato farm. In 1986, he quit his hand at farming and started J. Carlson and Sons Trucking, where he and his sons ran three pup trucks. He also raised

deer cabbage with his wife Judy prior to his retirement in 2000 due to his diagnosis of cancer.

John served on many committees such as the Dickinson County Soil Conservation, Michigan Crop Improvement as a Certified Seed Director and Secretary. He was also a member of the Metropolitan Farmer's Union, and also served on the Breen Township Zoning Board as a member and secretary.

Family was very important to John. He cherished their weekend cookouts and pontoon rides with the kids/grandkids at their log cabin on the Hardwood Impoundment. John was also very grateful for the many potato employees and truck drivers that he employed to keep their businesses going over the years.

John loved being outdoors and traveling. His hunting trips to Canada, and his motorcycle trips with his buddies just to name a few. He and Judy spent the past few winters in Palmetto, Fla., enjoying the warm weather and retirement life.

He leaves his wife of 47 years, Judith; a daughter, Christine (William) McMahan of Foster City; a son, Robert of Felch and a son, Michael (Nancie) of Iron Mountain; grandchildren, James McMahan of Foster City, Laura Carlson of Iron Mountain and Chelsey Carlson of Iron Mountain; step-grandchildren, Eric and Chelsey Simone, Trisha (Damion) Millis, and Tony and Jessica Strader; sisters, Esther (David) Kobasic and Marilyn (Kevin Anger) Carlson; brother, Steven (Linda) Carlson; a sister-in-law, Mary (Wil Willman) Coello and a brother-in-law, Richard Coello; many neices and nephews and a special nephew, Dan (Stef) Kobasic; many cousins, aunts, and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Margaret Carlson; a brother, William; mother-in-law and father-in-law, John and Jeanne Coello;

and a sister-in-law, Marguerite (Peg) Coello.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Mission Covenant Church in Foster City.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the church. Rev. Carl Hammer will officiate.

Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

Military rites will be accorded by the Felch-Breen Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Loan Closet.

The family would like to share their appreciation from their friends for the many prayer chains, cards and Masses being offered in John's name. Everyone's thoughtfulness and compassion was greatly appreciated. We would also like to give a special thanks to Dr. Singh and his nurses, and all John's caregivers at the Oscar G. Johnson Community Living Center. Your special care, compassion and support to our husband/father was so appreciated in his final weeks of life.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Funeral Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ SORRY TO HERE OF JOHNS PASSING,OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS OUR WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

DENNIS AND DIANE SAFEMASTER - unity, WI - friend - April 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Having only known John through Chelsie I am confident that he was loved and will be greatly missed by all those close to him. I am sorry for your loss.*

Jean Ray - Norway, MI - Acquaintance of granddaughter - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Judy and family,*

I am so sorry for your loss. Although I didn't personally know John, I always heard good things about him and know that he was a wonderful man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Alice (Brosio) Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - former neighbor of the Coellos - April 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *The first man a little girl falls in love with is her father. I miss you so much dad, but I know you are no longer suffering or in pain. I love and miss you so much!*

Chris McMahon - Foster City, MI - daughter - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Will always remember when we were young and taking the wild ride on the back of your Indian Motorcycle, flying down the Wacedah road. I will also always remember our fishing days on the river and Fumee.*

Terry Groeneveld - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I will never say goodbye to you my Father
cause I know this is not the end for us to see each other.
You will only be going to a place where there's no pain nor suffering.
I am happy for you, for you will be with God.
For now we need to go in separate ways.
I remember how your arms hold me and give me strength.
You were always there to listen, love, and defend me in everything.
You were my very best friend.
In my triumphs you were always proud.
I'm very grateful and proud to call you my dad.
Here deep inside my heart you'll always be.
I would give up everything I have just to hug you one more time.
I remember the last time I hold you're hand and how you looked at
me in the eyes.
If only I could turn back the time I would have never let you go.
I felt the world stops and my heart stop beating when they told me
you're gone.....
How I wish I was only dreaming.
Just like the rain; tears fell down from my eyes, I couldn't speak for
a while.
Thank you Dad....
For always understanding, listening , caring, and loving me for the
rest of your life.
The greatest gift God gave me was YOU..... my Dad...
It's difficult to let you go but I must...
I must return the gift God gave me...
Till then;
See you in Heaven.....

**Mike & Nancie Carlson - Iron Mountain, MI - Son & Daughter-in-law - April 26,
2012 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ *Loved talking to John on the way home from airport in Milwaukee. He was a great man, I had talked to him at the Va previously a few times while my son had appointments. He will be missed greatly wish I could have heard some more stories from him.*

James Stewart - Iron Mt., MI - Friend - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM