



John Gagnon

October 27, 1925 - October 27, 2007

KINGSFORD - John P. Gagnon, 82, of Kingsford, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007.

He was born on May 13, 1925, to Napoleon and Anna (Berg) Gagnon. John was raised in Kingsford Heights and graduated from Kingsford High School, the class of 1943. After graduation, he served in World War II in the U.S. Navy in San Francisco as an airplane mechanic.

After returning home from the service on May 8, 1948, he married his high school sweetheart, Joyce Provencher.

After service in the U.S. Navy, he worked as an aviation mechanic at Ford Airport in Kingsford for a short time before accepting employment at the Niagara Paper Mill in Niagara, Wis. as a welder. He worked at the paper mill until his retirement at age 65.

John was a dedicated husband and father of 10. His ardent love for his wife, Joyce, and family was demonstrated through the common interests he shared with them through hunting, fishing, gardening, and a host of experiences shared at the family camp.

Everywhere he traveled, he was loved for his big heart. Many knew him from

his articles in the local Daily News. However controversial at times, and in spite of potential criticism, he expressed his views in hopes that others would benefit.

He always liked giving waitresses big tips so they would have more means to support their children. Also, it was commonplace for him to enjoy doing business with local business establishments for their greater good.

He and his wife of 58 years enjoyed a rich, full, active life. Many happy memories were made at the family camp, on the dance floor, and in the family living room where he played music from his favorite collection.

He was a steward of nature, made life better for all he could, and built a legacy that will be remembered forever. During his retirement years, he found most of his pleasure in looking after the needs of his wife during her time of need.

Music had been a great comfort to him, even in his last years when he missed his wife most. He will always be remembered for his big heart and what he did for others. To all who knew John in the last year of his life, he always made reference to his wife as "everyone's angel" - and also, he was an angel too!

He will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

He leaves daughters Rebecca Robert, Gretchen (Art) Spera, Wendy (Keith) Zambon, Jeanne (Paul) Castor, and sons, Francis Gagnon, Ted (Holly) Gagnon, Perry (Michaela) Gagnon, Mark Gagnon, and John (Pam) Gagnon, and sister, Jeanette Schaut.

He leaves his grandchildren, Kurt (Melissa) LaCourt, Kristy (John) Kelly, Kimberly Gagnon, Shawn Gagnon, Devon (Lisa) Gagnon, Nicole (Bryan)

Komoroski, Raquel Gagnon, Kelsey (Aaron) Fleming, Dane Gagnon, Heather Bauer, Gabriel Spera, Caitlin Spera, Alexis Zambon, Lukas Zambon, Jeremy Perdue, Jason Perdue and Emily Perdue, 10 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his spouse, Joyce; infant son, Rocke; granddaughter, Camille Zambon; son-in-law, Bill Robert; and brother, Dick Gagnon.

Visitation will be held at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home on Tuesday from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be at a later date in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John P. Gagnon at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jen Renquin & Family - November 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *My heart felt condolences to the family of John P. Gagnon on the loss of thier father and patriarch especially my dear friends John and Mark. I am sorry to hear of your loss and you are in my prayers that the Lord will comfort you with the Holy Spirit.*

Know that your father is not gone forever; but, only a temporary seperation from his body and earthly existance. You will see him again when the Son of God, Jesus the Christ, comes down in his glory and all who have past will be resurected to meet him.

May God bless you all,

Sincerely,

Michael A. Thompson

4419 Foxfire trail, Portage, MI 49024

Michael A Thompson - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of John's passing. My father and he got together over the years to share controversial ideas and I talked with him on many occasions when he was visitng Joyce and I was there to see my mother-in-law. I loved his spirit and intellect and admired the devotion and love he showed for his wife. To all of his family, and especially those of you I know: Wendy and family and Perry and family (and friend, Raquel), you are in my prayers.*

With Sympathy, Alice Reed

Alice Reed - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ to the family...i'm so sorry to hear about the loss of john. I truly enjoyed talking with both your parents when my son brandon was their paperboy in the heights. I'll miss his articles in the paper also...take care,trish and brandon johnson

trish johnson - November 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ To Mark: I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. Although I live in Ohio, I check the IM News frequently. It's been a long time since our high school years.I know it's such a difficult time. I just wanted to know my thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sue (Norr) Link

Sue Norr Link - November 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Wendy & Family.. We are so truly sorry what happened to your dad & in this way,my how awful for this to happen. You have our deepest condolences..

Susie & Rudy Piatti - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *To the Gagnon Family...*

I am truly sorry to hear the loss of your father this past weekend. He will surely be missed by many. I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.

I have attached a poem that was at my friend's passing back in college, years ago at NMU. I found it very beautiful and very comforting...I hope you will, too.

I?m Free

*Don?t grieve for me, for now I?m free,
I?m following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
to laugh, to love, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things too I will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life?s been full, I?ve savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don?t lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
I?m with God now, I?ve been set free.*

My deepest sympathies.

*God Bless,
Tab Dupuis*

Tabatha Dupuis - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hello All,

So sorry to hear about the death of your father..I'm sure he will be truly missed by you all!He was a wonderful man and you all are proof of such a wonderful family..I remember as a little girl how fun and loving your family was and of course I spent lots of time with you and wishing I had a LARGE family like you all!Everything you did was fun...i remember not wanting to wash the dishes at home but walking across the street and helping out with your dishes and having such a great time doing them..your mom and dad were such great people and will truly be missed. My heart goes out to you and hopfully I can get to see you sometime to visit..I wont be able to make it to the funeral home so just wanted to let you know i'm thinking of you and praying for you all...

Take care,

Love Lisa & Dean

Ingebrigtsen

Lisa (Schroder)Ingebrigtsen - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM