



Joseph Lori

December 25, 1923 - September 11, 2013

Lifelong Norway resident and longtime business owner, Joseph Raymond Lori died Wednesday, September 11, at his home. He was 89.

Lori was born in Norway to Joseph and Mary (Zadra) Lori on Christmas Day 1923. He grew up helping run his father's grocery store that catered to Italian residents in what was then called Norway's 3rd Ward. Later he and his wife built a home a few blocks away at the end of Elm Street where they raised their family. The son of Italian immigrants, he embraced his heritage and loved to share stories about his parents and extended family during their early years in America.

He graduated from Norway High School in 1942 and soon after entered the Army. During World War II, Lori served as an M.P. in occupied Japan. He left the service with rank of sergeant and returned to Norway.

He married Geraldine LaHaie of Quinnesec on October 13, 1951. She preceded him in death in 2007.

After the war, Lori started a business to sell bulk feed to area farmers and with the help of a loan from the Niagara Bank, grew the operation into Lori's Feed Mill (now Ray's Feed Mill) on 9th Ave. He sold to farmers in several surrounding counties and eventually sold the business in the late 1970s.

In "retirement" Lori bought and sold real estate, developed the subdivision on Circle Drive in Norway, farmed and logged trees, operated a sand pit, and remained a generous supporter of Norway High School athletics. He also served as a member of the city's board of adjustment and for many years on the board of the Norway Community Credit Union.

In and around Norway, Joseph was a well-known and respected fixture of the community. Gregarious and engaging, he enjoyed the company of others anywhere he went during business pursuits and family visits.

In summers he maintained a lush lawn and bountiful garden, and entertained grandchildren with tractor rides and tasty vegetables. He remained sharp and active up until his passing.

Lori was predeceased by his three sisters, Norma Agostini, Isabel Rampanelli and Genevieve Paluch, and his wife, Geraldine.

He is survived by his three children, Jody Lori (Todd Ray) of Ann Arbor, Julie Lori (Bruce Vielmetti) of Mequon, Wis., and Jim Lori (Connie) of Negaunee; eight grandchildren, Christopher and Ryan Recla, Dana, Max and Alex Vielmetti, Heidi (Chad) Goodman, Eric and Jay Lori; and four great grandchildren, Riley, Abigale, Rider and Isabella Recla.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Pastor Lloyd Nelson will officiate. Burial will be at Norway Township Cemetery. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Norway High School Booster

Club.

Condolences to the family of Joseph Lori may be expressed online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

SEP **15**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

HD

“ Jody, Julie, and Jimmy I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I always liked your father, he had a great sense of humor and was friendly to everyone. I know he will be missed by you all. Take Care..

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - Kevil, KY - Friend of daughter - September 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ A favorite uncle, I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. I remember one time my dad, Wally my mom aunt Gerri and uncle Joe drive up my driveway in a convertible, jumping out like teenagers, though they were all in their 60s. They had just decided to get in the car and five to Milwaukee on the spur of the moment. They had so much fun together.

Cheryl Lindquist Chartier - Milwaukee - niece - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Leave a condolence or a memory.

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BF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss...Joe was a really great guy!

Bernie Bourg - Norway, MI - Friend - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I am very sorry to hear of Joe's passing but I am so glad that I decide to go watch the BB game in Escanaba this pass season and got to talk with Joe, Jimmy and Eric. It was so nice to have seen Joe and be able to reconnect after so many years and see how proud he was of his grandson and son. If my friend from Marquette didn't send this to me today, Sun the 15th I wouldn't have even known as no one from Norway let me know or I would have been there. Please know how much your family meant to me when moving to a new town at the age of 16 and having friends and neighbors like your whole family. I am very thankful for all of you and wish you peace with Joe's passing as I know how much he touched my life. May God Bless You !!

Brian and Cheryl Adams - Naubinway , MI - Long time family friend - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Jim and the Lori family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. God Bless you during this difficult time.

Carol VanGoethem Angeli - Green Bay, WI - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I am very sorry to hear of your father's passing. I hope it will be a comfort to you to know how many lives your father touched. It was always a pleasure for me to speak with your father. I am unable to attend the memorial service for Joe, however I will have him in my prayers.

Tom & Lisa Bedard - vulcan, MI - friend - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *Lori family,
So sorry to hear about your father/grandfather's passing. I have
great memories of spending time at their house when I was young!
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Kelly*

Kelly (Conery) Cram - Salem, OR - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. A very nice man and
obviously a great dad.
Randy and Deanna*

Randy and Deanna Pierce - Iron River, MI - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *I miss you grandpa. I'm thinking about you all the time.*

Eric - Negaunee, MI - Grandson - September 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM