



Joseph N. Stefanick

February 1, 1952 - January 2, 2015

Joseph Nicholas Stefanick, 62, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, January 2, 2015 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

Joseph was born February 1, 1952 in Hancock, MI, son of the late Nicholas and Gertrude (Hild) Stefanick. He grew up in Baraga and has lived in this area since 1999. Joseph was a former member of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Baraga and currently at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. He was one of God's special children and although he never talked or walked, he had his own way to communicate with people. Joseph taught his family and friends much about patience, love, laughter and kindness. He enjoyed being with people and the many friendships he made over the years with his caregivers. He loved picnics, basketball games, NASCAR and football. Joseph especially enjoyed watching his nephews play football at the Pontiac Silver Dome as well as the Packers and Lions rivalry. He touched many lives and to know Joe was to love him.

Joseph is survived by three sisters, Mary Ann (Gary) Mackela of Ft. Wayne, IN, Kathleen (Arthur) Ladzik of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and Helen (Larry) Raiche of Iron Mountain; an adopted sister, Betty Kay Fish; several nieces and nephews; his Godmother, Mary Jane Flannery and the many caregivers at the group homes he was at over the years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two infant sisters.

Visitation will be on Monday from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11:00am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Baraga Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joseph Stefanick online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of you on the loss of your brother !We know he was deeply loved and had the best care always!Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers! Jack& Judy Hiltunen and families and Bernice Myllymaki*

Judy Hiltunen - January 04, 2015 at 05:38 PM

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“ *Joe will be sadly missed. He was a very special part of our family. He communicated directly and honestly. We all have much to learn from him. I send my prayers. Sorry I can't make it to the funeral.*

Margaret

Margaret Flannery - January 02, 2015 at 06:30 PM