



Leslie Wallner

January 5, 1923 - February 20, 2003

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KINGSFORD - Leslie (Butch) Wallner, 80, of Kingsford, passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2003 peacefully in his home after an enduring illness. Butch was born Jan. 5, 1923 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Carl and Lillian Wallner. He attended Kingsford area schools, graduating in 1941. He served in the Navy Seabees, during World War II, from March 1943 until January 1946. He met his loving wife, June Bigelow, and they were married in 1947. They were married for 55 years. The love that they shared was an inspiration to their family and friends. They were devoted to each other and were an example of what true love and marriage stand for. In 1997, they renewed their vows at their 50th wedding anniversary in the presence of their family and loved ones.

He was employed at the Niagara Mill for nine years. He and his wife owned and operated the Log Cabin Bar in Aurora, Wis. (presently known as the Hitch N Post) for 20 years. He worked at Clairmont Transfer for 20 years, retiring in 1980. Butch enjoyed his retirement and spent his leisure time woodworking, making picture clocks, and various crafts. Butch and June especially enjoyed going dancing together. He sang karaoke with his family, dedicating songs to his adoring wife. He also went golfing with friends and his "favorite" son-in-law, Tom.

Butch is survived by his wife, June; three daughters, Penny George (Steve Plouff) of Little Suamico, Wis.; Cindy Murray of San Anselmo, Calif., Lee Ann

(Thomas) Frydrych of Homestead, Wis.; six grandchildren, Jay (Lori) Glime, Lance (Sue) Glime, Travis (Kari) Glime, Shyla Capehart, Sheena Frydrych, Brandon Murray; 11 great-grandchildren, Jule, Jordan and Jessica Glime, Bryan and Joe Glime, Jacob, Katie, and Madalyn Glime, and Damon, Skyla, and Layne Capehart; a sister, Helen Johnson of Kingsford; a sister-in-law, Beth Wallner of Kingsford and several nieces and nephews.

Throughout his illness his loving wife, whom he called his "angel," doted on him. She was always by his side with a cheerful smile and a loving heart. He was a wonderful father who was adored by his daughters. He was always there for them through their most difficult times to lend a hand, his loving support, and words of wisdom, advice and support. He was a great man. He will be sadly missed by his wife, family, and friends.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Jay, Lance, and Travis Glime, Brandon Murray, Tom Frydrych, and Steve Plouff.

Burial will be at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the Wallner family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash - Kingsford Funeral Home to handle the funeral arrangements.

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“ DEAR JUNE,
I'M SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT BUTCH, I'VE ALWAYS HAD
NOTHING BUT RESPECT FOR THE BOTH OF YOU. YOU ARE IN
MY HEART AND PRAYERS.
. THINKING OF YOU,
BETTY ANN DUBY

Betty (Duby) Kline - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear June,
I was very sad to read of Butch's passing. I always thought the two
of you were a wonderful couple. My best memory of the two of you
was when you were dancing to the old band music you two moved
perfectly together and looked so happy with each other. I am so
glad you have so many happy memories to help you. You are in our
thoughts and prayers.

Jane Sudac - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM