



Mike Bublioni

June 18, 2013

Mike G. Bublioni, 69 of Iron Mountain, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on October 5, 1943 in Norway, son of the late Mike G. and Myrtle (Leonard) Bublioni, Sr. He attended school in Vulcan, graduating from Vulcan High School in 1961. He was a lifelong resident of the area. He married Marion St. Juliana on April 29, 1961 at St. Mary's Church in Hermansville, and together they have spent more than 52 wonderful years. Mike was a faithful member of the American Martyr's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Peninsula Stockcar Association and the Dickinson County Racing Association. He raced stockcars on dirt tracks for 9 years at many different area tracks. He loved going to camp and spending time in the woods. He especially loved spending time with all of his grandchildren and great granddaughters.

Mike began working as an auto mechanic at the age of 15. In 1959 he worked professionally with the Vulcan Garage and Dickinson County Motors. In 1977 he started his own independent auto repair shop "Mike's Auto Repair" in Iron Mountain which he ran until his retirement in 1995. His oldest son Michael took over the business upon his retirement. In his retirement Mike enjoyed traveling in his R.V., wintering in Arizona, and visiting relatives in Australia. He loved riding his Harley with his sons and grandson. His family meant everything to him, and he was especially proud of his sons, and the good men

they turned out to be. On November 4, 2004, he had a heart transplant and battled heart disease since 1986, while being diagnosed with cancer in 1999.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Marion Bubloni of Iron Mountain; sons Michael (Michele) Bubloni of Quinnesec, Mark Bubloni (Karen) of Norway, and Rick (Kate) Bubloni of Kingsford; 9 grandchildren Ashten, Nikki, Marcus, Makenzie, Amara, Alison, Haley, Katie, and Rhiannon Bubloni; 2 great granddaughters, Ahrya Chartier and Athena LaRoche; sisters, Carol Kleikamp (Wayne Paulson) and Joann Depatie (Al VanHeese)

The funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 11:00 am at the American Martyr's Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. These are the words Mike lived by.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Julie with OSF St. Francis Hospice, Fr. Joseph Gouin, the many Doctors and staff of St. Luke's of Milwaukee, the Mayo Clinic of Rochester Minnesota, D.C.H. of Iron Mountain, and special friends Sharon Hagberg and Phyllis Johnson.

Condolences to the family of Mike Bubloni may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mike after retiring from the Navy in late 1981. I had a Chevy pickup with serious brake problems, I thought. Mr Honesty took the vehicle for the day, worked on it and, when I went to pick it up, charged me about \$9. I said, I wanted the brakes fixed, which usually is expensive. He said, ya, but you only had stuck calipers. \$9. We became fast friends after, and eventually he built the home he lived in across from ours. What a guy! I miss his emails, and my wife and I have enjoyed the families friendship for all these years. God Bless the Bubloni family is my prayer.

Tom Graham Sr - Coupeville (Whidbey Island), WA - Friend and ex-neighbor -
July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I have not seen Mike since my last time in Iron Mountain back in 1995, but he will truly be missed. I remember the many times Mike did a repair on my car while I was attending college and on a shoestring budget. Mike was kind enough to fix my car and allow me to make payments so I could get to school/work. Truly a kind man with a BIG heart! Peace Mike!!!

Tom Graham Jr. - WA - Freind of family - July 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our condolences to your family. I carry so many great memories of Mike and the time our family spent visiting. Will never forget the time in the pits at the Norway race track. I am guessing I was only 10 or so. I always looked forward to seeing him. Last time was at my mom and Gil's retirement party. I regret not being able to come for the services as a result of work, but my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Dean Gazza - Green Bay, WI - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Marian and boys. My heart goes out to you. Mike was a super person! Didn't know him very well, but liked him. Marian, if you need a friend, just call me. Been there. Done that. It is going to be rough for a while. You will need friends. Thank God for family and friends.

Carol Skowronski - Kingsford, MI - Friend - June 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ My wife and I fondly remember paying our rent each month! Mike was our landlord for 5 years, over 6 years ago. We have since moved to California, but stay in touch with Mike and Marion, because they are so special. I remember cookies and drinks in their kitchen each month and have been impressed that they remember each of our daughter's birthdays and other holidays. Mike has been one of the hardest working, toughest, yet kind individuals we have ever known. We will miss him. Our hearts and our prayers go out to Marion and the rest of the family. We love you!

Michael and Moria Parks - Brentwood, CA - Friend - June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *My relationship to Mike is the 2nd son of Helen and Clayton Leonard. We were so sorry to hear about Mike's death. The family is in our thoughts and prayers. Gary and Joanne Leonard*

Gary and Joanne Leonard - Wausau , WI - Gary is Mike's cousin - June 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I've know Mike since I was a little kid growing up in Vulcan. But my BEST memories of him are our talks about Country Music when he was at the hospital and running into him and Marion at rummage sales. He surely will be missed!!!*

Cyndi Michaud - Kingsford, MI - Friend - June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Aunt Marion and family, our deepest sorrow in hearing of Uncle Mikes passing. He was such a strong man. A great role model for all young people. He has forever touched our hearts. His love and respect for everyone was felt with his sincere smile and warm hug. Our prayers and love are sent to all. Love Michelle and Larry James Kleikamp.*

Michell Kleikamp - Plainfield, IL - Niece - June 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM