



Norman Marvin Verley

October 21, 1933 - March 5, 2025

Norman M. Verley, 91, of Quinnesec, passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at his home.

Norman was born October 21, 1933 in Iron Mountain, MI son of the late Ralph and Mildred (Tippet) Verley. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1952 and resided in the area for most of his life. Norman married Evelyn Steele on March 17, 1956 at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan, MI. They shared 64 years of marriage before Evelyn's death in 2021.

Upon high school graduation, Norman started his work career in an underground mine in Iron River for a short time. From there he went to work at the Mather "B" underground mine in Negaunee MI. A few years later when the Groveland Mine in Felch opened, he began working there until that mine closed in 1981. He was then transferred to finish his mining career in Colerain, MN at the Butler Taconite Mine until his retirement in 1989 at which time he and Evelyn moved back home to Quinnesec.

Norm was in the National Guard for ten years and was a member of Oak Crest Golf Club and the Norway Moose Lodge. In his young adult life, he loved playing baseball. In his retirement, Norman could be found sitting at his scroll saw creating a work of art. He often said the real payment for his work wasn't the money, it was the comments people had to say about the piece. He

loved seeing enjoyment and appreciation in the eyes of the people that he showed his work to. Besides his woodworking Norman enjoyed cutting wood, a fast game of “Wahoo”, playing pool and tending to his garden. He kept a meticulous garden that was admired by anyone that drove by. And he was happy to share his bounty with anyone that would like some. In recent years, he began going to the Senior Center for lunch where he met and enjoyed new friendships.

Norm had a special love of animals. His children’s dogs brought him much joy since his love “Cole” passed away. Grandpa Norman carried treats with him at all times.

Norman is survived by three children, David (Mary Lynn) Verley of Norway, Keith Verley of Merriman and Penny Verley of Kingsford; two sisters, Della Marie (Ron) VanAlsteen of Breitung Township and Susan (Chuck) Kempf of Quinnesec, four grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Evelyn, Norman was also preceded in death by a grandson, Clint Fisher; a brother, Ralph “Putz” (Irene) Verley; and a sister, Lois (Bruce) Ring.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A luncheon will be provided during the visitation by Crispigna’s. The family hopes this to be a time to gather, socialize and celebrate Norman. A graveside service for close friends and family will be held Thursday morning at the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Family requests that flowers be omitted. Donations in Norm’s memory may be made to Pine Creek Woodworking or the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of Norman Verley may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AK

“ I just acquired one of his clocks that he made, and I'm sorry to hear of his passing



ann marie Killian - May 15, 2025 at 01:50 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the album *His Creations*



Kevin Kempf - March 12, 2025 at 08:28 PM

“ I returned home to Quinnesec this past fall, and my now adult daughters (31 and 22) were able to come with me. It had been several years since I'd been back home, and even longer since I'd been able to be accompanied by any of my family. We have always enjoyed visiting with Norman when we'd return to Quinnesec, and our children were always so excited to see his latest creations. He often gave them a number of them, never accepted compensation for his efforts, and only knew that they had something of him that they loved. Each of us have our own treasures that he made around our homes and I've posted some in the photo album. I feel fortunate that my children were able to get to know him and to have pieces of his art to solidify their memories.

I've often shared my own stories with my family of the experiences I had growing up next door to him. Some shared among my cousins, aunts, and uncles, and others known to only myself. Whether it be plum fights at the end of summer using "ammo" from his plum tree in the back yard (I always lost and went home with purple stains on my pants and shirt), playing cards at deer camp with my uncles and cousins, or 18 holes at George Young or Oak Crest on warm summer afternoons, it is these stories and many like them that define who he was to me. We will miss him greatly and send our condolences to the rest of the family.

P.S.

I enjoy reading through the tribute wall with the stories others have shared of the moments that stand out in their lives. It's interesting reading these experiences, but there was one that stood out. It was the memory describing the neighborhood boys getting their summer haircuts. It reminded me of a picture I'd digitized from slides I found at my parents home several years ago, and were developed back in August of 1969. I'd have just turned 1 in May of that year, and have to assume it was taken around the beginning or middle of summer. I hadn't thought much of it since I scanned it, but it occurred to me that in all likelihood, this was my first haircut. Given to me by my uncle. Getting me ready for summer. Adding a whole new

perspective to the picture. I've added it to the photo album.

Kevin C Kempf - March 11, 2025 at 04:35 PM

KK

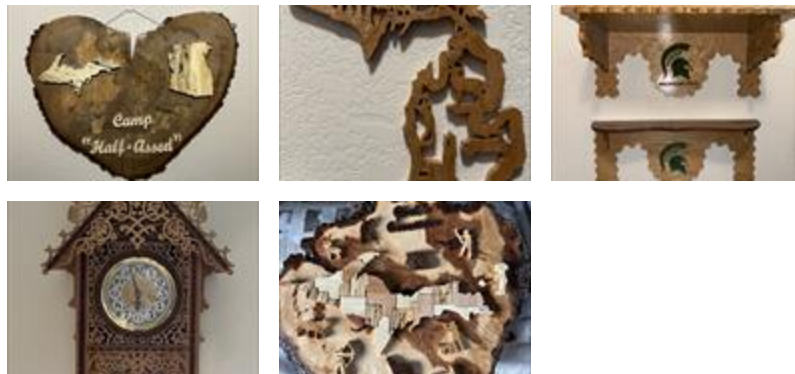
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Kevin C Kempf - March 11, 2025 at 04:34 PM

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Kevin Kempf - March 09, 2025 at 10:23 PM

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Kevin Kempf - March 09, 2025 at 09:50 PM

PV

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Penny Verley - March 09, 2025 at 03:42 PM

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Penny Verley - March 09, 2025 at 03:29 PM

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Penny Verley - March 09, 2025 at 03:17 PM

DA

“ Mr. Verley was the epiphany of saying it takes a village to raise a child. He was a kind man that every child and most people looked up too. You never disrespected adults or him! I remember when we were children and school was off for the summer, we would go to his house and all us kids (boys) got our summer "butch" compliments of him! He was a Quinnesec icon! I had the good fortune to see him while I was home for a visit a year ago. He was an amazing person who is going to be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. God speed, Mr. Verley.

David Alquist - March 08, 2025 at 03:17 PM

PV

Thank you for writing. You are spot on. ❤️

Penny Verley - March 09, 2025 at 09:08 AM

DA

I should clarify, everyone who met him and knew him loved this man!

David H Alquist - March 11, 2025 at 11:08 AM

SP

“ My husband worked with Norm and I had the pleasure of meeting him at one of the local craft shows. In fact, purchased some of his fantastic crosses as well as other items. Norm has left quite the legacy. Sending caring thoughts.

Sue Passamani - March 08, 2025 at 10:59 AM

PV

Thank you ❤️

Penny Verley - March 08, 2025 at 02:06 PM

AS

“ I was lucky enough to meet and get to know Norman through two of my jobs, both located in Quinnesec. He made me a wooden cross shelf, as well as many Christmas reindeer ornaments during the time that he and I were in touch, all of which I treasure. Norman was a kind man with a good sense of humor who always knew how to make me and my coworkers laugh. I told him one winter that he reminded me of my own grandpa, especially because he smelled of wood stove most days. He laughed and said that anyone who smelled of wood stove like him must be a great man, to which I agreed.



I feel blessed to have known him and will keep him as well as his family in my prayers.

Adrienne Savord - March 07, 2025 at 07:11 PM

PV

I love that! Thank you for writing ❤️

Penny Verley - March 07, 2025 at 08:42 PM

GT

Well, it looks like the lord has one great artisan to help Joseph who was a carpenter. Missed Norm at the golf course, especially in October when we would be on the same team for scrambles. Norm had a smile that he shared with everyone. God Bless Norm

Gale Tedeschi - March 08, 2025 at 08:38 AM