



Peter Balzola

August 29, 2012

Peter James Balzola, 52 of Kingsford, passed away on Wednesday, August 29, 2012 at Dickinson County Hospital surrounded by family. He was born on February 4, 1960 in Iron Mountain, beloved son of Connie (Martin) and the late James Balzola. He attended the Kingsford schools, graduating from Kingsford High School in 1978. He went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree in Teaching from Northern Michigan University. He was a lifelong resident of the area. Peter worked as a millwright at the Champion Mill for many years. He was a member of the American Martyrs Catholic Church. He was an avid sports fan, who grew up playing baseball, football and golf. He loved following the Detroit Lions and the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.

Peter now rests in the ultimate peace that can only be found with Jesus.

Peter is survived by his mother, Connie Balzola of Kingsford; sons, Justin (Ryann) Balzola of Milwaukee, and Jim and Tony Balzola at home, and their mother, Colleen Balzola of Iron Mountain; grandson, Brody Balzola; brother, Paul (Kelley) Balzola, and their children Nick, Mike, Samantha, and John all of Marinette; and a sister, Patricia Moore of Phoenix, AZ

He is further survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and caring friends.

The visitation will be held on Sunday, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Kingsford Funeral Home. The funeral Mass will be held on Monday at 10:00am at the

American Martyrs Catholic Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Peter Balzola at [www.e
rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e
rnashfuneralhomes.com)

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Mass

SEP 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

HF

“ I so loved talking to Peter. He was fun, sweet, and endearing. His family was important to him and he talked about them in a heart warming way he had about him. I know he is happy walking with the Lord and having a peace he surely now deserves.

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - Kevil, KY - Friend - October 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ I knew Peter for 12 years. He was such an enthusiastic person, and always treated me very very well. We bonded so tightly just from our mutual love of sports, and he will surely be missed by me. Even through his troubles, he visited me in Phoenix, and really needed a hand, and I'm feel sick mine didn't extend far enough. Regardless, I loved him as a family member, and I really hope he's loving the better world that surrounds him.
GO LIONS

And to the Balzola family, my deepest condolences.

Walter Moore - Tempe, AZ - Brother in law - September 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathies to the entire Balzola family. I am sorry to learn of Pete's passing. Although KHS was long ago, I can still picture Pete laughing I will always remember his sharp wit and sense of humor. Peace to you. Ellen

Ellen (House) Harvath - Marshall, MI - Class of "78 - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Connie, Paul, Patty Ann, Peter's family,
I was very shocked and saddened to hear about Peter's passing; he will be greatly missed. I wish I could have been able to be there in person to express my condolences to each one of you, but my grandson Cody, a student at MSU, has moved in with me and I was getting my belongings moved to accommodate his items.

Time does heal somewhat, and you have all those treasured memories of him that will be with you forever. Looking back, I too have many memories, especially, since I was the family babysitter for many years. I want to extend my very deepest sympathies to every one of you, and I want you and your families to know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers this week. God's very special blessings to you.

Connie, I promise I will stop by when I get home again just to sit down and share memories.

Loads of love to you all.

Joy

Joy (Erickson) Brewer - DeWitt, MI - Family friend - September 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Very sad to hear of Pete's passing. Many memories of days gone by surface during times like this. Remember having fun times at Pete's birthday party as yougsters - at their home in Breitung. Pete was always a nice kid, and am sure a great man. May he now truly rest in peace. My condolences to the entire Balzola family.

Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC - liong time friend - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My sympathy to the entire Balzola family.*

Dee Dee Hoppman - Former sister-in-law - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *I am very saddened about Pete's passing. I have a lot of great memories from when I still lived in Iron Mountain. I remember a time when Colleen & I were driving to Green Bay (probably 25 yrs ago) to bring Pete to the airport...we were somewhere on 141 on the 2 lane and all of a sudden the tailpipe/muffler fell off his silver camero. Pete pulled over into the drive of an old white farm house, pulled the tailpipe off, left it on the side of their driveway and off we went. It was so loud and we were so embarrassed shrinking down in our seats. Pete laughed & laughed at us because he knew how embarrassed we were and Colleen & I still had to drive back to I.M. in that thing after we dropped him off. Still to this day, each time I drive by that house, I remember & I chuckle. Back in the "big hair days" he used to tell me I looked like Gloria Estefan-good memories. He was a good soul and has left this world permaturely. Now may he rest in peace. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to all of the Balzola family.*

Kelly M Ward - Rochester, IL - Friend - September 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I'm Sorry to hear of your family's great loss. It's hard to hear of old friends passing so early, that gave so much of themselves to all of their relationships. He was truly one of my best friends back in High School and we had many great times together. I often remember the "good old days" and his was one of the first names to pop into my head.*

Be with God my friend.

Curt Good - Holland, MI - Friend - September 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss.

Jody (Wells) Edlund - MI - Graduated in Class of 1978 - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ May God Bless You Peter! We will miss you dearly. Thanks for always having a smile on your face and kind words for everyone!

Wendy Welch - QUINNESEC, MI - friend - September 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dearest Connie, We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your son Peter. God only takes the best up to him. You are in our prayers as well as your family. Miss seeing and talking with you. Take care and God Bless you. Love, Sally and Vern

Sally Sawall - Troy, MO - friend - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ I will always remeber my brother by how much he loved his family. It was one of the most important things to him. He loved to reminisce about the childhood days and also loved to talk about our dad and would ask mom about him often. I don't think I have ever heard him say one bad thing about anyone in his entire life and every single time you talked to him he ALWAYS said I love you. I am going to miss you Pete and I love you so much
Love, Tinkerbell

Patty (Balzola) Moore - scottsdale, AZ - sister - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. Pete has been on my mind a lot in the past year or so.

I will always remember Pete as fun-loving, and bursting with self-confidence and good cheer. It was hard to feel down when you were around him. He just wouldn't allow it, even when he patiently tried to teach me to golf (it didn't work). He also loved the Detroit Tigers and his Italian heritage, and was a very talented musician. He talked about his Dad a lot; he missed him very much. I don't think there was anything more important to him than family, especially his sons. What a great guy he was. Rest in peace, Pete. You've earned it.

“Charley”

Charles Lauersdorf - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ Connie,

So sorry to hear about Peter. My thoughts and prayers for him and for all of you.

*Love,
Steve*

Steve Iverson - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Patty and Paul: Thinking of you during this most difficult time. I pray you find comfort in knowing that Pete is now with your Dad. I remember this verse from when your Dad passed: "Meanwhile, these three remain: faith, hope and love, and the greatest of these is love." 1Corinthians 13:13. Hold on to that for strength in the days to come.*

Sue (Mannigel) Brown - San Diego, CA - friend - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *We are sorry to hear that and will keep you all in our prayers...*

harper family - kingsford, MI - friends - August 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM