



Ralph C. Skoglund

May 17, 1927 - July 8, 2015

Ralph C. Skoglund, 88, of Felch, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Ralph was born May 17, 1927 in Norway, MI, son of the late Ivar and Ellen (Branback) Skoglund. He was raised along with his 6 brothers, in the Swedetown location up on Norway Hill. Ralph lived most of his life in the same neighborhood he grew up in, where he was surrounded by friends and the family that made him so proud of his Swedish heritage. He attended the Norway Schools and was a United States Army Veteran of WWII.

Ralph married Kathryn Ferris on December 15, 1950 at the original First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Carpenter and Brown Street in Iron Mountain. Together they raised their 4 children and were married for 57 years. Kathie preceded him in death on July 18, 2007.

Ralph worked for Norway Gravure as a pressman for a time, before taking a position as a lineman working for the City of Norway. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and was employed as an electrician for many years through the Local Union 219.

Ralph and Kathie, along with Jim and Grace Tregillis, owned and operated The Local Pub in Norway for several years. There, they enjoyed the company of many friends, old and new, and left with many good stories to tell.

Ralph spent most summers with his family, at Six Mile Lake near Felch, MI. He always had a project of some type going. He enjoyed woodworking and made many nice items. He was a bird watcher his whole his life, a hobby inherited from his mother, Ellen. Ralph knew most birds by sight, could identify their songs, and whistle the song back to them very nicely. He also kept them fed every winter. Ralph was quick to smile and usually found something he thought was good for a laugh in most situations. He was a good family man and his family loved him for it. He leaves us with many happy memories.

Ralph is survived by children, Glen Skoglund of Norway, Patsy (David) Carnahan of Felch, Nancy Griffith of Kingsford, and Steve (Vicki) Skoglund of Norway; grandchildren, Miranda (Dan) Repp, Michelle Olson, Scott Carnahan, Casey (Nancy) Carnahan, Andrew Finendale (Erin Walker), Bailey (Jimmy) Erickson, Whitney Bales (Jamie Kraemer) and Cody Bales; great-grandchildren, Jeremiah, Ruby & Zechariah Repp, Olivia & Nash Kraemer, Brianna & Kyla Olson, Logan & Grace Carnahan and Jimmy, Jacob and Brianna Erickson; a brother, James Skoglund of Norway; a sister-in-law, Adelaide (Bob) Marceau of Harvey; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Ralph was preceded in death by an infant son, five brothers, Donald, John, Ted, Richard and Bob Skoglund; and a special dog, Bud.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 31 from 3:00 to 5:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 5:00pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ralph Skoglund online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

JUL 31. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - July 30, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph C. Skoglund.*



July 30, 2015 at 07:31 AM

CT

“ When I was 18 yrs. old I moved to Iron Mountain Mi. and got a job at Pine Manor Nursing home. This is where I met Patsy Skoglund Carnahan, we started working there at the age of 18 when we met we just klick and grew together as great friends, and have been friends for 42 yrs.

I believe she was the first friend I made here. At 18 we did not have a pot to piss in and had our own apartments. I believe mine was \$71.00 a month furniture and utilities included. We were probably making \$2.25 an hour working full time and did not sleep a lot due to late nights together; we always made it to work though!

But that did not take us very far; Pats took me to swede town to meet her parents Ralph and Kathy and her brothers and sister. Of course we are all Swedish so it was a hit from the start. Ralph loved to hear me sing to him and Kathy fed us often. I am so glad I have always kept in touch with them all these years because I just loved him so much.

Always wish my papa was like our Ralph, his sweet gender, gentle soul and the wonderful person he always was to Al and I will be cherish always . I will miss him very much. Epically out at 6 mile lake where we made memories. Love ya sweet man go be with your Kathy now. I will watch over your Pasty always.

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carol tobey - July 29, 2015 at 12:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph C. Skoglund.*



July 28, 2015 at 10:45 PM



“ *Patsy, Nancy, Glen and family, So sorry to hear that your dad passed away. I have so many fond memories of your parents and all the Ferris family too. Lots of fun times at Six Mile lake. Your dad was such a sweet gentle man. I bet our parents and Jim and Gracie are having a wonderful reunion. God bless you all.*

Jean Rosene - July 22, 2015 at 09:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph C. Skoglund.*



July 17, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I remember years ago when Bob and I spent many good times up at your cabin on six mile lake. I loved to listen to him sing Put Another Nickel In The Nickelodeon. Your Dad had a wonderful sense of humor and always was so kind to us. The years have gone by too quickly. Here we are older and loosing those most dear. God bless you all and help you through this time of grief.*

*Love,
Bob and Robelle Degenauer and family.*

Robelle Degenauer - July 12, 2015 at 05:30 PM



“ *Love to you all, Patsy and Family. Thinking of you as Ralph is with your mom. Patsy, you know what I think about when I think about your dad :) - Rest In Peace, Ralph...Love, The Little Pollack (Debbie Shewmaker Barna)*

Debbie Shewmaker Barna - July 11, 2015 at 10:19 AM

BJ

“ Thinking of you Glen, Patsy, Nancy and Steve and will always keep Uncle Ralph in my heart! He was a wonderful Uncle who gave us a lot of wonderful memories. To this day though, I still don't know what a "plataberks" is? Love to all. Butch

Butch Johnson - July 10, 2015 at 11:41 AM