



Robert Partanen

July 5, 2008

KINGSFORD - Robert "Big Bob" Partanen, 61, of Kingsford, died Saturday, July 5, 2008, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wis.

He was born Jan. 21, 1947, in Iron Mountain, son of the late George and Gladys (Olson) Partanen. Bob graduated from Kingsford High School in 1965.

He was the head union steward at Lodal and served on the executive board for the Teamsters. Big Bob served on the planning board of the Heights Picnic and was a member of Partanen's Ringer's Club. He was an avid Flivver fan and a staunch Packer fan. Bob enjoyed golfing, horseshoes, hunting, fishing, and attending the ski tournaments.

He is survived by one sister, Faye (Joe) Podgornik of Kingsford; one brother, Larry (Barbara) Partanen of Kingsford; nieces and nephews, Scott Podgornik, Vicky Farrell, and Alison Partanen; stepson, Eric LeQuia, who is stationed in Colorado; stepdaughter, Betsy (Charlie) Garbrecht of Iron Mountain; step-grandchildren, Carissa Bennett, Matthew Robinson, and Hope LeQuia; a step great-grandson, Wyatt McConnell; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Big Bob was preceded in death by a nephew, Eric Podgornik.

Visitation will be from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Rev. Lee Liverance will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert "Bob" Partanen online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

HO

“ *hi i miss my pop pop*

hope - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HO

“ *my granpa was the best man i knew atleast he doesnt have to suffer*

hope - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My condolences to Bob's family. I knew Bob growing up as his father and my cousin's husband were brothers and I had an aunt in Kingsford Michigan that we visited frequently and I spent time with Bob and Faye. I was saddened to hear of his death and will keep the family in my prayers.*

Jean (Niemi) Morris - July 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *To the PARTENEN FAMILY, WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT BOB.. WE ALL HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES OF BOB.AFTER. I REMEMBER BOB AT THE COTTAGE IN THE SUMMER AT ALL THE FAMILY GATTERINGS WE ALL HAD TOGETHER.WE ARE SORRY JOEY AND FAYE, LARRY.YOU HAVE LOST SUCH A WONDERFUL GUY.GOD BLESS YOU ALL. THE PASTENS*

chuck@maureen pasten - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I will miss "Big" Bob's affectionate hand shake and smile at the KHS/Esky game. He was a true fan. He enjoyed high school sports the way they were intended...competitive but fun.
He won't be replaced in the KHS stands.

Terry Duval
Escanaba

Terry Duval - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear about Bob when we returned from vacation today. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Everyone will miss his smiling presence and great personality. Our deepest sympathy to you all.

Rod and Cynthia Gordon - July 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ My condolences to Bob's family. In high school I played directly across from Big Bob on the IMHS football team. Bob was big and aggressive on the field and played with a passion. Off the field, his big smile, huge handshake and great personality endeared him to many people. I'm sure he will be missed by friends and family.

Mike Person - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Larry & Family
This is Susan Duff classmate of Larry, you have my sympathy, so sorry for your loss. I & my dad "Duffy" used to go ice fishing with Bob a few times....Bob sure was a great guy.

Susan Piatti - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Who in this area didn't know Big Bob as a great guy and wonderful friend? He was always happy to see you and greeted with a big hug. He was one of my best friends all through high school and into our adult years. Larry and Faye you had a great brother and we will all miss him. I am so sorry for your loss of a brother and community friend. We will all miss you Big Bob.

Love,
Kathy

Kathy Cowell-Bigelow - July 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I remember Bob well from our days growing up in the "Heights". I remember the sandlot football and our attempt to field a team against the Jr. High team from the North Side. It was a good life in those days.

My condolences to Bob's family.

Bob (Chuck) Divine

Robert Divine - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ "Big Bob" was also know for his Big smile , I was classmate with Larry , my condolences to Larry and the Partanen family.

Tim kearney

Tim Kearney - July 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM