



Roy Hamari

July 6, 1930 - July 6, 2010

Roy O. Hamari, 80, of Kingsford, went to be with his Lord and Saviour on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wis.

He was born on April 16, 1930, in Kingsford, the son of the late Toivo and Hilda (Rytioja) Hamari. Roy graduated from Kingsford High School in 1947 and served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He married Garon Piper in 1957 in Waukegan, Ill. As newlyweds, the couple lived in West Allis, Wis., before moving back to Kingsford.

Roy worked as a heavy equipment operator for Hanna Mining at the Groveland Mine. He then worked at the Kingsford Housing Commission as a maintenance man before retiring.

Roy was a great family man who enjoyed spending lots of time with his family and especially loved talking with his grandchildren and hearing about all that was going on in their lives. Roy was known for his strong bear hugs. He put his heart and soul into those hugs. In his younger years, Roy enjoyed ski jumping and was one of the "Flying Hamaris" along with his brothers. Roy also enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, and swimming. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Lions and the Michigan State Spartans.

Most importantly, Roy was a God fearing man, who had a very strong faith

and love for the Lord.

Roy is survived by his wife, Garon; one daughter Joni, (Randy) Reed of Kingsford; three sons, Michael (Gina) Hamari of Chanhassen, Minn., Mark (Kim) Hamari of Boulder City, Nev., and Matthew Hamari of Coon Rapids, Minn.; one sister, Helen Wickman of Kingsford; three brothers, Rueben (Barbara) Hamari of Iron Mountain, Don (Marge) Hamari of Kingsford, and Allen (Kathy) Hamari of New Brighton, Minn.; five granddaughters, Nicole (Justin Enberg) Hamari, Christina Hamari, Katie Hamari, Jamie (Kevin Monroe) Reed, and Allie Reed; a special nephew, Bob (Mary Ellen) Bryja; and many other special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Julie Hamari; two sisters, Hilka Bartolameolli and Lila Makela; and one brother, Dwayne Hamari.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Maranatha Assembly of God Church.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 12 noon at the church. Rev. David Wilton will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Graveside military rites will be accorded by the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

Condolences to the family of Roy O. Hamari can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Assembly Of God
920 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

JUL 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ I want to express my deepest condolences on the passing of Roy...a wonderful and loving man I had the great fortune of knowing. During this time, we are praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again.

Kirstin (Reed) Nalette & Family - Joni's niece/Gordy's daughter - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Dear Matt and family, My sympathies to you at this difficult time. May your memories keep you smiling. Keeping you all in my prayers. Kris (Gussert)Czerwan

Kris (Gussert) Czerwan - MI - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Words can not express the deep sadness Bob and I are feeling at this moment but I will try. Roy touched our lives in a special way and for Bob, Roy was like a second Father than an Uncle. The visits in the summer as a young boy and through the years sharing moments and memories and to seek his opinion or get advice. A special time was when Hunting season started which everyone enjoyed. As for me it was his kindness, his smile, his wisdom and not to forget his HUGS! His readiness to help in an emergency. Also to meet for fish fry or a hamburger at a moments notice . I am glad we had some time together when we moved to Michigan. Roy seemed to enjoy staying over at our new house and I know I enjoyed haveing him and Garon. Both Roy and Garon will always have a special place in my heart.

Roy will be GREATLY missed in our life.

Mariellen and Bob Bryja - Menominee, MI - Nephew - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Matt, My deepest sympathies to you & your family for the loss of your dad.

Jennifer Sorensen Flynn - Kingsford , MI - July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ Dear Auntie Garon, Joni, Mike, Mark and Matt- Our deepest sympathy to all of you during this most sad time for the entire family. YOur memories will linger on until you meet again. I pray that God wraps his arms around you and immerses you with his Love and comforts you with thoughts and promises of your once again being reunited with your Father. Right after I had heard the news, I thought, our Mother, Grandma, Auntie Lila and your Father are now together. The two sisters and Family welcomed their brother and I'm very very sure, they are singing and having a joyous time with our Lord and Savior and others that have gone before us. When you get lonesome, just think about him enjoying HEaven and all of it's Glory..In time those thoughts of HEaven and how real it is, will comfort you when your heart aches and remember you will be with him once again... Love to All of You , with continual prayers, Gloria and Tom

Gloria and Tom Burlo - Iron Mountain, MI - Uncle - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Joni and family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. May God give you peace at this time to help you in your grief.

Alice and Gordy Reed - Iron Mountain, MI - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Joni, my sympathy to you and your family and especially to Alli.* ”

Marilyn Phillips - Kingsford, MI - Friend of Joni and Alli - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM