



Thomas "Barney" Hagberg

January 9, 1946 - April 17, 2025

Thomas "Barney" Hagberg 79, passed into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at the Dickinson County Marshfield Clinic Hospital on Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 after a brief difficult battle with cancer.

Barney was the third of four sons born to Axel and Liana (Anderson) Hagberg in Niagara, Wisconsin on January 9, 1946. After graduation from Niagara High School, he entered the U.S. Army serving his country in the Vietnam War. After his release from the service, Barney met and married the "love of his life" Rosemary Leroux and they resided happily together in Kingsford until her death in 2008. They particularly enjoyed entertaining friends and family with homemade raviolis and Italian sausage dinners or some BBQ delights nurtured under Barneys watchful eye. Barney could often be seen tending the grill while enjoying one or more Brandy Manhattans.

Barney's working career began at the Niagara Paper Mill followed by several years working for Dickinson Homes on the delivery team that placed the homes on owners' foundations throughout Upper Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. He completed his college education earning his Bachelor's Degree by attending evening classes while working full time. He also was employed at the Iron Mountain Kingsford Credit Union for several years as an accountant while attending evening classes to earn his electrician's license, which he utilized to do small side jobs in his spare time. After he left the Credit Union,

Barney worked in the electrical trade until his retirement.

Thomas was actively involved as a lector and usher at American Martyrs Church, in the Elks, the Knights of Columbus and in the American Legion where he served in the Honor Guard for several years. Barney was blessed with a big smile, a booming voice and a huge heart of gold. It was said that when Barney whispered in Church, the priest stopped the Mass. He was a friend to everyone he met and would lend anyone a helping hand. He loved golf with his brother Herb and his buddies at Oak Crest in Norway, following the Green Bay Packers and the mighty Kingsford Flivvers.

Tom is survived by his brother Russell Hagberg of Iron Mountain, his sister-in-law Sharon Hagberg of Iron Mountain and New Port Richey, Florida, his brother and sister-in-law Robert and Nancy Leroux of San Antonio, Texas and Eveleth, Minnesota and several nieces and nephews who he and Rosemary loved like they were their children.

Besides his wife, Thomas was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws John and Louise Leroux, his brothers Herbert (on Monday April 14, 2025) and Roger Hagberg, his sister-in law Ruth Hagberg and his sister and brother-in-law Katherine (Leroux) and Leroy Johnson.

Visitation is scheduled for Thursday April 24th from 9:00 am until 10:30 am at Kingsford Funeral Home, 1000 S. Carpenter Ave. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Monsignor Joseph Gouin at American Martyrs Church, 906 W. Sagola Ave. in Kingsford on Thursday at 11 am with a luncheon and burial at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park to follow.

The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Condolences to the family of Thomas "Barney" Hagberg may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **24**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Mass

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Church
908 W Sagola Ave
Kingsford, MI 49802-5336
(906) 774-0630

Tribute Wall



“ To Barneys family. You are in my prayers. I met Barely when I joined the American Legion Auxiliary. He always had a smile and deep hearty laugh. He will be missed by many. Keep your faith and walk with God. Sandy Michaud

Sandy Michaud - April 26, 2025 at 07:32 PM

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“ I am the granddaughter of Alice Rainaldi (Rosemary's aunt.) I am 20 years Barney's junior. One of my favorite lifetime memories was an Iron Mt summer get together at the Leroux's . Barney and Butch tossed me up high in the air , catching and throwing me back and forth to each other .. I must have been 5 -6yo. What a kind, playful, happy soul. A gentle giant has joined the heaven's angels .

Alicia Costantino - April 22, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ We're so grateful for all the neighborhood memories with Barney and Rosemary. We always knew their door was open for our visits. Many of our fondest memories include Barney's love of Harry Potter, his collection of Star Wars figures, CD rom video games especially Frogger, and snacking on pizzelles at Christmas time. As a kid Mitch would regularly ride on the lawn mower so he could "help" Barney cut the grass. The neighborhood won't be the same without him. He will be greatly missed by us all.

Mitchell, Maria, and Molly Wiltzius - April 22, 2025 at 09:20 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Thomas "Barney" Hagberg.



April 20, 2025 at 11:35 PM



“ Ernest and Mary Costantino and family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Thomas "Barney" Hagberg.



Ernest and Mary Costantino and family. - April 19, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ Ernest and Mary Costantino and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas "Barney" Hagberg.

Ernest and Mary Costantino and family. - April 19, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ To the family of "Big Barn", I extend my deepest sympathy to one and all. He truly was a gentle giant. Absolutely loved by all. He will be sorely missed but it is we who hold the dearest memories of our friend. Rest in peace Barney. ❤️🙏

Kathy O'Connell - April 19, 2025 at 01:24 PM



Barnie will be missed. Condolences to his family and friends .

Sandy Raymond - April 20, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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*Uncle Barney as we called him, even though we were not related... was a gentle soul and a great family friend for many decades. Rosemary was a very good friend to my mother in law Clarice Aimone. My wife grew up with Rosemary and Barney babysitting her and her brother on Friday nights. Christmas will not be the same without Barney, as his tradition of stopping over on Christmas morning to "Celebrate" a bit.. Even though I am not a Manhattan fan, every Christmas Day I will be having one in memory of our friend Barney. Condolences to his family and everyone that he touched in their lives as he did so easily...
Mike & Chris Karman*

Mike Karman - April 24, 2025 at 04:52 PM