



## Warren J. Brule

September 30, 1925 - January 17, 2016

Warren J. Brule, 90, of Kingsford, MI, died peacefully on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at his home with his family at his side. He was born on September 30, 1925 in Hancock, Michigan, son of the late Edward J. and Stella (Fish) Brule. Warren was raised in the Hancock area and graduated from the Hancock high school in 1943. He served in the Army during WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He married Joyce Zerbst on April 12, 1947 in Hancock.

He began his career as an electrician with Coon Electric in Hancock. After his discharge from the Army he reentered the electrical trade becoming a charter member of IBEW LU 219 in Iron Mountain. In 1959 he decided to start an electrical construction business and, along with his partner Jess Reiten, purchased M. J. Electric. Although the early years were challenging, his vision, business acumen, and tenacity built a foundation that allowed M. J. Electric to become one of the largest and most successful electrical construction companies in the United States.

Warren loved the woods and for many years spent his weekends cutting pulp just for fun. He and Joyce had a passion for traveling in their motor coach and spent the last 25 years crisscrossing North America with a great sense of adventure and curiosity.

He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, 6-7-8, Pine Grove

Country Club, and the Chippewa Club where he served as a past president. Warren was a member of the Hospital Foundation Board, the National Electrical Contractors Association, and the Timber Producers Association.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Joyce; two children; David (Elsa) Brule and Joyel (Gary) Loturelle; one brother, John (Delores) Brule; 4 grandchildren, Ellette (Johan) Nyman, David (Stephanie) Brule, Jonathan (Christi) Brule, and Anne-Marie (Brandon) Kavulla; 11 great grandchildren, David and Michael Nyman; Nick, Katie, and David Brule III; Max, Sam, and Olivia Brule; Anastasia, Adam, and Adeline Kavulla. He was preceded in death by one sister, Janet Pettingill.

Friends may call from 4-7 pm Wednesday at the Erickson Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11:00 am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford. Fr. Mike Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet or the Almost Home Animal Shelter.

Condolences to the family of Warren J. Brule may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
432 Edsel  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ *To Warren and the Brule family, God bless and thank you.*

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**David Oleksy** - June 07, 2016 at 05:26 PM

DC

“ *as young electrician in local 219 I remember the first time i met the man across the negotiation table with him and Jess reiten,, i almost peed myself! I remembered him as a fair and honest man who you could trust, a very rare trait. Rest well and you taught me things my father always said of you. given a chance even you could be great if you work hard and believed. my father respected you always, as i did too! you were a humble man never forgetting where you came from! your family can be proud of you, as i'm sure they are, I remember the early days and storys, everybody that knows you,has got one, derrick carlson*

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**derrick carlson** - February 05, 2016 at 03:34 PM

SA

“ *We were sorry to see Warren's passing but know it has been a long struggle. Unfortunately, Sandi had to work both days of the services. You have our condolences as he has left a legacy for our whole area. We know he will be missed by all of you. Tony and Sandi adams*

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**Sandra Adams** - January 22, 2016 at 09:02 PM

BP

“ *When I Met Warren. My condolences to the Brule Family. I had the pleasure of meeting Warren while accompanying my wife Mary Alice (Warrens' niece) to their Family Reunion in August of 2008.*



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**Bob Peoples** - January 22, 2016 at 05:28 PM

DD

“ *Was a great pleasure to know and work for such a wonderful person enjoyed many good times with both Warrren & Joyce In Mi. and Fl. The Lord needed a great man and took Warren*

*Dave Dario Family(EEI)*

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**David Dario** - January 22, 2016 at 07:14 AM

MR

“ *I would like to express my condolences to friends and family*

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**Mike Ryan** - January 21, 2016 at 03:06 PM

JL

“ *Our sincere condolences to the Brule family. It was a pleasure to have worked and be associated with Warren in the construction industry. God Bless John and Carol Lawson*

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**john lawson** - January 21, 2016 at 08:39 AM

JP

“ Please accept our deepest condolences for your family's loss, We are thinking of you and your family as you celebrate Warren's remarkable life and the memories you shared.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Mahadev and Staff*

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**Jody Peterson** - January 20, 2016 at 02:42 PM

EH

*You have my condolences, Warren was my Friend,  
Ernie Harju*

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**Ernie Harju** - January 31, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DS

“ My deepest condolences to the Brule family. Warren was a totally Amazing person! It was such a great privilege to know him and his family, and to spend the time with him that I did. He was such a great visionary, leader, mentor, hard worker and caring friend to everyone. he set the bar very high for us all to follow. His body may have tired, but his new job looking over us has just begun. And knowing him, he is going to do an awesome job at that as well. Warren had such a passion for his family, people, work, traveling, and the love of the woods. You and Joyce mentored me more than you realize, and I thank you for that. This community is going to miss you. Your Old Partner In Gyppo Logging, Dan Swartout

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**Dan Swartout** - January 20, 2016 at 01:58 PM



“ We are deeply sorry to hear about the death of Warren please accept our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences, as you grieve know that we are remembering you and honoring his memory.  
May you find peace and joy with each day that passes by, knowing that Warren will live on in the hearts of all he touched throughout his years.

*Jim and Stephenie Golden*

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**Jim Golden** - January 20, 2016 at 12:57 PM

JB

“ Jerry Bollard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Warren J. Brule.



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**Jerry Bollard** - January 20, 2016 at 10:49 AM

TD

“ Joyce,

*We want to express our deepest condolences to you and your family. We regretfully won't be able to be at the Wake and/or the Funeral Service, since we are doing what we enjoyed doing so much in the past with you and Warren, traveling the country in our coach. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Trudy and Bill*

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**Trudy and Bill DeGroot** - January 20, 2016 at 10:09 AM

RS

“ Our condolences to the Brule family. I remember Warren from the old days when Dave was in Troop 502 of the Boy Scouts, and more recently with his work with Habitat for Humanity. He was always generous, and always remembered me. We have made a donation to Almost Home in his Memory. Rich and Carol Sgarlotti

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**Rich Sgarlotti** - January 20, 2016 at 09:37 AM

SN

“ Our deepest condolences to the Brule family. I was honored to have known Warren and privileged to work for MJ Electric for over 20 years. Warren and Dave helped our family along the path by keeping me working during some really tough (cancer) times many years ago. Among his many accomplishments, our electrical trade is all the better (countrywide) for Warren Brule having gotten involved with it.

Once again, our most sincere condolences.

Steve, Sue, & Dane Nelson

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**Steve Nelson** - January 20, 2016 at 08:54 AM

MG

“ Although I knew Warren was getting older, I found it sad to hear of his passing. He was a terrific boss, wonderful to work for, friendly and caring and always knew who every worker was. Always enjoyed getting to talk with him even after he retired. He has left a great memory with so many.

I am sorry I can't express my feelings in person as we are still in Tucson at this time.

Merle and Michelle Gustafson, Tucson

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**Mere Gustafson** - January 20, 2016 at 07:57 AM

SP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and friends of Warren. May all of his accomplishments and inspirations be remembered that he has achieved.*  
*Scott & Brenda Pancheri*

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**Scott Pancheri** - January 20, 2016 at 05:40 AM

OW

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Warren Brule. Although I did not know Warren personally, my late husband, Harlan Walters, knew him and held him in high esteem over these many years. As time would have it I am well aware of the Brule family contributions to our community and Iron Mountain school system. May God's comfort and blessings be with all of his children, grandchildren and especially his wife Joyce.*  
*God Bless you all. Keeping you in prayer.*  
*Orice Walters*

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**Orice Walters** - January 19, 2016 at 08:12 PM

SG

“ *Dear Joyce and family.*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. We were honored to know Warren and enjoyed the few times we were together. My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow.*  
*Suzan Garcia*

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**Suzan Garcia** - January 19, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Warren J. Brule.*



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January 19, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ *Jeanne Goldsworthy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Warren J. Brule.*



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**Jeanne Goldsworthy** - January 19, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ *We will miss our dear friend, many good times and fun trips together. I will really miss "Joycie, you little sweetheart", a true wonderful friend to us. You will linger in our thoughts forever*  
*Bob & Joyce Heynssens*

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**Joyce Heynssens** - January 19, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *Bill and Jan Hughes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Warren J. Brule.*



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**Bill and Jan Hughes** - January 19, 2016 at 11:17 AM

BH

“ Please accept our condolences to the Brule family. I worked for MJ Electric from 1979 to 1985. Warren Brule taught me life and business lessons that I have cherished my entire life and career. A great man that has inspired many throughout his life.

*Bill and Jan Hughes*

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**Bill Hughes** - January 19, 2016 at 10:11 AM

KP

“ So very sorry for your loss. Warren was such a nice person and I always looked forward to his trips to Florida. He brighten my day.

*Karen Palmer*

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**Karen Palmer** - January 19, 2016 at 10:01 AM

PM

“ So sorry for your loss. May loving memories bring you peace, comfort, and strength at this difficult time. The Michael Milinski Family

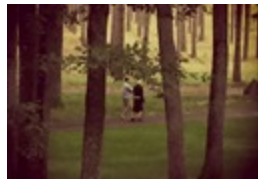


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**Patti Milinski** - January 19, 2016 at 09:51 AM

JB

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**Joyel Brule** - January 19, 2016 at 09:42 AM

MM

“ Dear Auntie Joyce, David & Joyel,

*I am SO SORRY for your loss! Uncle Warren was the most loving, kind and gracious man!! He always had time for us Crawford kids and I will be forever grateful for all of the wonderful memories! I always enjoyed every visit I ever had with him. He will be so missed.*  
xoxo

*All my Love,  
Mary Manson*

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**Mary Manson** - January 19, 2016 at 09:34 AM

JB

*Thank you! We will miss him but he is in a much better place.*

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**Joyel Brule** - January 19, 2016 at 09:36 AM

BF

*To Joyce and Family,  
I just received a phone call from a neighbor here in Naples telling me that Warren passed away. We are very saddened to hear of his passing. I have terrific memories of you both driving up/down our street and getting caught up on neighborhood activities. I will miss this. Sending our love and sympathy to you and your family. He will be very missed. Barb Fueredi and David Clary*

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**Barb Fueredi** - January 19, 2016 at 10:59 AM

TK

“ *My condolences go to the entire Brule family. During my 14 years at Energy Erectors I gained respect and admiration for Warren. Joyce, My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*Tom Keating*

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**Tom Keating** - January 19, 2016 at 09:07 AM

NB

“ *Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives. Our Condolences.*  
*Nikki Bowers & Family*

Nikki Bowers - January 19, 2016 at 08:48 AM

NW

“ *Nancy Peterson Wilson purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Warren J. Brule.*



Nancy Peterson Wilson - January 18, 2016 at 04:52 PM

JB

“ *My deepest Sympathy to the entire Brule  
Family... you are all in my thoughts and  
prayers during this difficult time...God  
Bless..... Jerry Bollard*



Jerry Bollard - January 18, 2016 at 02:49 PM

FF

*Dave, Elsa, Joyel and Gary.....my deepest sympathy. Cherish the  
memories and the incredible legacy he created.*

Fran Formolo - January 22, 2016 at 04:34 PM



*We are sorry for your loss. Warren was a very kind man. May your  
sorrow slowly turn in to great memories.*

*Lem Jr. and Wendy LaBonte Escanaba, MI*

Wendy LaBonte - January 22, 2016 at 09:02 PM