



Wesley Oman

November 16, 1932 - November 16, 2008

FELCH - Wesley J. Oman, 76, of Felch, died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at his home in Felch surrounded by family.

Wesley was born May 28, 1932, in Foster City, son of Edward and Ester (Ovist) Oman. At nearly five years old, Wes and two older brothers were orphaned. Wes and his brothers were taken in and raised by his maternal grandmother, Anna Louise.

Wes attended school in Felch through the ninth grade, when he left school and went to work. Wes enlisted in the Air Force and served as a tail gunner on B-29s in Korea.

During this time he continued to provide financial support for his beloved grandmother by sending home money each month. Upon his honorable discharge, he returned to Felch and went to work logging. He purchased a team of horses and became self-employed running a logging operation.

Through the years he ventured into several businesses including heavy equipment contractor, produce broker, trucking and land development. He constructed and ran a restaurant, gas station and small engine repair shop.

He was always successful as a businessman because he defined success as

getting what you need by hard work, honesty and fairness. He had little tolerance for anyone who did not share his ideals.

He was very interested and involved in our government. He felt strongly about our responsibility to our country and community. Wes was elected Felch Township supervisor, serving two terms. He attended Bay de Noc College in Escanaba obtaining certification as a tax assessor.

He served on the Felch Township Fire Department. He was a member of the Felch-Breen Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) serving as post commander for several years. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

When he retired he worked repairing and restoring old equipment, gardening and drove school bus for the North Dickinson School. Wes loved the kids.

His family was very important to him. First and foremost was his wife of 54 years, Arlene (Zeeb). They were married on Nov.13, 1954, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway. Together Wes and Arlene had 10 children. All survive him. Wesley Jr. "Buddy" (Kim) Oman of Ralph, Randy (Betsy) Oman of Felch, Louise (Dwight) Lee of Iron Mountain, Steven (Peggy) Oman of Felch, Kristine (Tim) Bennett of Spooner, Wis., Darrell (Lynn) Oman of Felch, Gordon (Sandi) Oman of Felch, Mary Oman of Iron Mountain, Clayton Oman of Felch and John (Heidi) Oman of Felch. Wesley is also survived by 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Wes was preceded in death by his brothers, unnamed Baby Oman, Clayton Oman, Gordon Oman, Marlyn Oman, and Gordon Edward Oman.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Foster City.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the church.

A graveside service will be held followed by military services by the Felch-Breen V.F.W. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Wesley Oman 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.

Tribute Wall

LO

“ I am sorry to hear about the death of Wesley. My sincere sympathy to the family. Lori (VA Outpatient lab)

Lori - December 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ To the Oman Family:
My condolences to all of Wesley's family and friends. Wesley was a true patriot and a wonderful man. I am sure my brother Jim (Priestap) will love to greet him and show a fellow veteran from home around. They are both with Jesus now. God bless all of you. My prayers are with you as you miss him.
Love, Lisa (Priestap) Balicki

Lisa (Priestap) Balicki - November 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Arlene and family, I'm so sorry to hear that you lost Wesley. I've been keeping in touch with Kevin as to how Wesley was doing. The one thing I remember about Wesley is his great smile! He had a great sense of kidding around with people too. I know you all will miss him dearly. Love to all, Barb

Barbara Blohm - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Dear Arleen, Mary and family: it is neer easy losing a loved one but Wes will forever be free of pain. God bless your entire family for giving him a life so full of love and caring. You are all truly remarkable. With sympathy, Sandi & Irv Yaggie

Sandi & Irv Yaggie - November 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Arlene and Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you right now and will be in the next few weeks. As I know that the coming weeks will be difficult without Wesley. As my sister Meridy said, our families have always been close and it is almost like losing one of our own. Please know that we all share your grief and that you have our deepest sympathies. I pray that eventually all your wonderful memories of him will ease your pain and give you comfort. God be with you. Cheryl (Sundholm) Bammer*

Cheryl E Bammer - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *To Mrs. Oman, Mary, and the entire family - our hearts are so saddened at the loss of Mr. Oman. Please know that you continue to be in our prayers, and although we are unable to attend the services, we will be with you in spirit. May God bless and comfort you during this difficult time.*

Kris, Brent & Dustin Edlund - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Arlene and family, you have our deepest sympathy in the passing of Wesley. I had known him for all of my life although we never saw much of each other, but when we did meet he was always a friendly and very informative person and I always did and will consider him and your family our friends, may God bless you in your sorrow. Ray and Gayle Blomquist*

Ray and Gayle Blomquist - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Auntie Arlene and Family,

I was very saddened to hear that Uncle Wesley had passed. Our prayers go out to everyone. Sorry we are unable to make it for the funeral. I have been very uncomfortable with my pregnancy and that is too long in the car for me to travel. I really wanted to be there, But please know that my prayers are with everyone.

With sympathy, Love Nicole, Mark and Lil' Mark

Nicole and Mark - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Arlene & Family -

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Find comfort in your memories until you meet again.

Keith & Nancy Carlson - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To the entire Oman family---our hearts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. We are sure there will be many wonderful memories to share.

God Bless.....

Jim & Cheryl Richard - November 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We are very sorry to hear that Wesley has passed away. My uncle Jim Cousineau has lost a close friend and the entire Timmer family sends our condolences to the Oman family.

Tom and Ann Timmer - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *MAry*
So sorry to hear about your Dad !! The wonderful memories will help you thru the hard days !!! Thinking of you and your family !!!! CINDY

Cindy Deau - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Arlene and All.*

Our community has lost a wonderful man, he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. I have many memories of times spend with the entire family and will cherish each and everyone of them. with my deepest Sympathy to you all.

Traci Beauchamp Johnson

traci - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *All the members of Nordic Ambulances would like to express our Sympathy. those of us that knew Wes will miss him and hold our memory's close. may god bless you all.*

Nordic Ambulance - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Arlene and family: I am so very sorry to hear about Wesley's passing away. Your family and ours have been a part of each other's lives for so long that it's like losing one of our own. My heart is breaking for all of you. God Bless You all in your time of need.*

*In deepest sympathy,
Meridy*

Meridy - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Buddy, I was so sorry to hear about your father passing away, you have our deepest sympathy. Joanne & Allen

Joanne (Gustafson) & Allen shangle - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Arlene and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. You are truly blessed to have each other and your closeness and family love has certainly shown during this difficult time. To Kristine, I'll never forget "our younger days" and screaming for your Dad when the geese chased us up the manure pile. He sure liked to tease us about everything. You have been in my thoughts each day. He will be missed. May God Bless you all.

Dorn & Carrie Siegler and family - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ To the Oman Family, You all have our deepest sympathy, it is never easy when your loved one pass's on.. Our prayers are with you all. He was a great guy & so glad we had a couple great visits with Wes last week..... He will be missed.

Rudy & Susie Piatti - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time

Walter Ross Barry and Family - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Kris and family, I know things are really hard for you at this time, but I also know that the Lord will get you through this. With love and sympathy.. Pam Smith

Pam Smith - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ To the Oman Family,
I am sorry to hear about wes. i pray for you and hope you all doing fine. I remember that when I was at oman house spending time with clayton, wes always tease us alot of stuff. we had so much fun everytime we see him. Everytime I see him he make me smile and happy. Well I will miss wes alot cause of good memories that I spent time with him. I know he gave all you good memories to remember. God bless all oman and take care.

Ken & Amy Lindholm And Kids - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ When someone special passes on
It does not mean they are gone,
Though they are no longer with us
Their memory still lives on.
They will always have a special place in our hearts
Forever until the end of time.
So do not say "Good-bye".
For this is not the end.
Just say, "So long...for now"
Until we meet again.

David - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ To the entire Oman family - our hearts are with you during this difficult time. May you all find comfort in your memories. With sympathy, Ward & LeeAnn (Kenny) Johnson

Ward & LeeAnn Johnson - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM