



Benjamin Norkoli

April 30, 1934 - April 30, 2013

Benjamin C. Norkoli, 79 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at his home surrounded by his loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 11, 1934 in Bates Twp. ,son of the late Herman and Harriet (Clements) Norkoli. Ben was a 1953 graduate of Stambaugh High School and went on to serve four years with the United States Air Force. He married Sharon Kassa on June 21, 1958 in Gaastra. They spent the next six years in Manitowoc, WI where they started their family. Ben worked several jobs throughout his life and retired from Cleveland Cliffs Mining in 1997 as a drill operator. He was active and well known in the community and was a member of Guardian Angels Church, the Crystal Falls Kiwanis Club and the Eastside Veterans Council. Ben loved all Forest Park Trojan sports and was one of its biggest fans. He was an avid Green Bay Packer football fan, enjoyed bowling with his bowling team and attending the mud drags.

He is survived by his wife Sharon; children, William Norkoli of Appleton, WI, Lisa (Allan) Doxtator of Green Bay, WI and Kelly Norkoli of Crystal Falls; sisters, Elaine Clemo of Oceola, WI Betty Jean King of Monroe, WA and Lilas Pukula of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren, Riki Norkoli, Sydni Norkoli, Benjamin and Alec Norkoli; special great granddaughters, Anna and Brynn and many friends and relatives.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 3rd from 9:00-10:30am at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Funeral services will be at 11:00am Friday at Guardian

Angels Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls. The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct full military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Benjamin C. Norkoli Cancer fund at First National Bank of Crystal Falls.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Benjamin Norkoli at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Ben's grandson, Ben was one of my son's first friends when we moved to Crystal. Ben invited Michael to stay for supper one night--Chicken and spaghetti. I still remember Michael coming home excited about the great supper he had and what a good Cook Mr. Norkoli was!!

I will miss see Ben on the top of the grand stand at the next Trojan Football game. He was always there-- in good or bad weather-- winning or losing. He was always supportive. Always a kind word. Sorry for your loss.

Debra Rhoades, Michael Rhoades - Crystal Falls, , MI - friend - June 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace!

Sheree Graham - Oconto Falls, WI - May 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Kelly, Lisa, Bill, Rikki, and Sydney,

My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this time. I will always remember Ben and how he gave me my special name "turkey" as a young child and how he always called me that right to the end. I will always be grateful that I knew him and will always remember him in my heart. I have my special turkeys on my dresser and that is where they will stay in my special place. I love you all!

peggy bosko - crystal falls, MI - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Our sincere sympathy in the loss of Ben. With caring thoughts. Dan and Sue*

Dan and Sue Passamani - Iron River, MI - Relative - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To the Family of Ben,
We are very sorry for your loss.
Ben will always be remembered for his witty personality and great sense of humor. He had a special way of making others feel welcome.
We appreciated him as an employee & friend.
Our deepest sympathy,
Steve & Monica Shirkey
Sagola Hardwoods, Ltd.*

STEVE & MONICA SHIRKEY - Sagola, MI - friends - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *We are sorry for your lose. Ben was a good friend. We are going to miss him.
You are in our prayers.
Jim and lone Condon*

Jim and lone Condon - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Dear Bill, Lisa and Kelly-
We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great and very fun man. We loved to joke with and tease him. We were so pleased that he was such an FP fan and knew and followed Toby. My you find peace in the thought that he is out of pain. Love, Will, Sally and Toby*

Will and Sally Ross - Crystal Falls, MI - friends - May 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM