



## Bernard Schiavo

May 9, 1935 - May 9, 2010

Bernard "Pinky" Schiavo, 75, of Crystal Falls, died Sunday, May 9, 2010, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

He was born Sept. 19, 1934, in Crystal Falls, son of the late Ceasar and Bernice (Byng) Schiavo. Pinky was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls and graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1952. Upon graduating, he went to work for Western Electric from 1952 until 1967.

On Oct. 15, 1955, he married Merle Martinson at the First Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. The couple would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this fall.

In 1973, Pinky took a position with the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. where he worked for 18 years, retiring in 1991. Pinky also owned and operated Martinson Recreation Bowling Alley in Crystal Falls from 1967 until 1976. He drove school bus for two years, worked for the DNR several summers as a fish biologist's assistant, and was a postal clerk and carrier for three years.

He was a member of the United Lutheran Church and the Board of Church properties, the Crystal Falls-Iron River Masonic Lodge, the Crystal Falls Lions Club, the Telephone Pioneers, and the Crystal Falls Men's Golf Club.

Pinky enjoyed family gatherings and he loved his grandchildren. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing, fishing and hunting, snowmobiling and canoeing, and traveling with his wife. He will be sadly missed by his family and dear friends.

He is survived by his wife, Merle; four children, Gregg (Wendy) Schiavo and Jon (Mary) Schiavo, both of Crystal Falls, Jeffrey (Jacqueline) Schiavo of Iron Mountain, and Julie (Mark) Aho of Marquette; nine grandchildren, Christina and Ross Aho, Brian and Brett Schiavo, Adam and Kevin Schiavo, Nicholas, Benjamin, and Madeline Schiavo; one brother, Eugene (Marjorie) Schiavo of Kingsford; two nieces and one nephew, Gina, Elizabeth, and Daniel; and many special aunts and uncles.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls and on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the United Lutheran Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church with Rev. Micheal Laakko to officiate.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the United Lutheran Church or the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Condolences to the family of Bernard "Pinky" Schiavo may be made online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

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



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Visitation

MAY 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
506 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

CF

“Pinky was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. He was always happy and smiling. I would see him at church every week and then during the week when I would walk past his house on my way to and from school. He always had time to talk about whatever was going on. He was truly a remarkable man. I've not been home much since leaving in 1993, and the last time I saw him was at my graduation. He will be missed!

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**Cori Broswavic - Camby, IN - Friend** - October 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“Merle, i am so sorry for the loss of my friend and the husband you took such good care of.. He was someone that could be counted on to always have a warm greeting and make one feel as though they were his best friend in the world. Your wonderful untiring efforts have no doubt taken a toll on you Now.. Please take care of yourself and perhaps I can visit with you this summer..  
Leora (Oss) Harsh

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**Leora Harsh - Flagstaff, AZ - classmate** - May 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Merle, Gregg, Julie, Jon, Jeffrey and family,  
Our family felt saddened to hear of the recent death of Pinky.  
My impressions of Pinky was of a very good and caring Christian  
man who cared deeply for his family and others. My parents, Aaron  
& Muriel Nelson, extend their feelings of sadness and great loss to  
you and your whole family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
May God be with and comfort you at this time.

Love,  
John & Carla Nelson  
Highland, IN

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**John and Carla Nelson - Highland, IN - Cousin** - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Merle:  
We want to express our condolences to you and your family for the  
loss of Pinky. Since growing up together, we have accumulated  
many fond memories of him and they still remain a pleasure to  
recall. Even though our paths seldom crossed in later years, we  
continue to appreciate our long time friendship. Our prayers are with  
you and your loved ones.

Richard & Karen Groop

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**Richard & Karen Groop - friends** - May 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ Dear Merle and Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you  
during this difficult time. Memories of Pinky and the Schiavo Family  
go back many years and are fond ones. May God provide comfort  
through the love and support of family and friends.

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**Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck/John and Lorna Anderson** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ To the Schiavo Family: I was saddened to read of Pinky's passing in yesterday's Daily News. Although I am unable to attend his funeral service, my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I will always cherish the great memories of the times spent with him and your family. In sympathy and friendship, Kelly.

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**Kelly Makuck** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We were so sorry to hear about Pinky's passing. We both have many fond memories of Pinky and Merle. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you go through the grieving process. We have lost too many in our family these last couple of years. Although, we know he is in a much better place he will be missed by us all.

*Love to you all  
Don & Dottie Martinson*

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**Donald R. & Dorothea M. Martinson - Decatur, AL - First Cousin** - May 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Julie and Family. We were very sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that we are thinking of you and have you in our prayers. Unfortunately, we know all too well what it means to lose a father. May God be with you during these difficult times.

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**Jennifer and Michael Harrington - Friend of Julie** - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“Pinky worked with my dad, Jerry Wilkins (who passed Jan 1 this year) at Bell and as a teenager, I would often visit Pop in the Bell office during lunch hours. Pinky was one of my favorite to kid around with! What a smile and such a funny man. I'm sorry he's gone but he won't be forgotten! I have very fond memories of Pinky and always will. I'm glad I got to know him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers and I know he and dad are sharing a cup of coffee in Heaven as we speak!  
God Bless.

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**Joanne Wilkins Whitley - Marquette, MI - Friend - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“To The Schiavo Family...I am so sorry for your loss. All the childhood memories start to flow in. I remember the time we raked leaves on the side of the garage and climbed up to the roof, jumping off thinking the leaves would break our fall. Pinky came home and couldn't believe what we were doing! Than there was the jukebox in the basement he would fix every time we managed to magically make it stop playing!! Too many to list...you will all be in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless..Cindy

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**Cindy Albiero Hillier - Marquette, MI - Friend - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JJ

“We are sorry for your loss.

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**Johnnett & Pete Eckerberg - Crystal Falls, MI - Sister-in-Law to Jeff - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Paul Sundquist Family - Friends - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

SA

“ Julie and Schiavo family,

*I have heard wonderful things about your Dad. I am so very sorry for your loss. Know that I am praying for you and your family.*

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**Siri Sholten - Sagola, MI - Friend of Julie Aho - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

DF

“ Myrle and Family, Sue and I are very sorry for your loss. Pinky was a true friend to a young, smooth faced fisheries biologist. I think he trained me well. You are in our prayers.

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**Dick and Sue Schorfhaar - Bellaire, MI - Friend - May 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

EC

“ Everyday I scan several Newspaper obits because Joyce and I worked at so many locations and made friends with coworkers all over the state. I was saddened today to see that you have lost your husband and my dear friend from years going back to 1959 when Joyce and I lived in Alpha and worked in Iron Mountain with Pinky and Ray Niemi.

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**Ed Pruetz - Grand Rapids, MI - Friend and coworker - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Jon, Mary and Schiavo family~~I am so sorry for your loss. Know I will be praying for you and the family. Pinky was always smiling and I will remember that most about him and also bringing up such a fine family.

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**Kim Curtis - Kingsford, MI - friend - May 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM**