



Brian Semke

November 7, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Brian M. Semke, 38, of Crystal Falls, died on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

He was born on April 25, 1971, in Crystal Falls, son of Lois (Clema) and the late Jerome "Jake" Semke. He attended the Crystal Falls schools, graduating from Forest Park High School in 1989.

He married Rayleen Manincor on Dec. 29, 2007, at the Encore in Florence. Brian was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls, and worked for Gary's Collision and Off-road as an auto body technician. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church and the U.P. Mud Drag Association. He was also a member of the Crystal Falls Volunteer Fire Department, and he couldn't wait for grassfire season.

He enjoyed going to camp, hunting and watching NASCAR. He loved morning sunrises off of Cable Lake, and he loved family get-togethers. He will always be remembered for one of his favorite sayings, "It's in the book of Brian, patent pending."

Brian is survived by his wife, Rayleen of Crystal Falls; his mother, Lois Semke of Crystal Falls; three daughters, Kayla, Cemone and Paris, all at home; a sister, Brenda (Ted) Reinke of Crystal Falls; a brother from another mother,

Steve Gagnea of Iron River; an uncle, Jerry Clemo of Menominee; his father in-law, David Anderson; brothers-in-law, Mark (Pam) Manincor of Iron Mountain, Nathan Manincor of Norway, and David (Nicole) Anderson of Flint; sister in-law, Lisa Schabel of Iron Mountain; grandmother, Claire Wood of Niagara; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Brian was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Leo and Mary Lou Clemo; uncle, Eddie Jo (Pard) Clemo; cousin, Joey; and his mother in-law, Cemone Anderson.

Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls.

A pass in review will take place at 1:45 p.m. at the church by members of the U.P. Fire Association.

The funeral service will follow Friday at 2 p.m. at the church. Rev. Michael Laako will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Steve Gagnea, Steven Fabbri, Robert Fabbri, Dan Graff, Bob Black, Kimmer Hylund, and Perry Farrell.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Brian M. Semke online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Rayleen, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers at this time. God Bless you all, Sandy Michaud

Sandy Michaud - November 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Brian. A dear Friend, Fireman and Husband, will be truly missed in the community. My personal thoughts go out to Rayleen, and the girls, my prayers are with you..... Kathy

Kathy - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our sincerest condolences to the family, friends and entire community. God Bless All!

Todd and Linda Wloszczynski - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ There will be enough tears today to flood the paint river. bye my friend.

Bob - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ I am deeply sorry Brenda for your loss... thinking of your whole family... Teresa.

Teresa - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Rayleen I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your husband. We send out deepest sympathy to you and your loved ones.

Mark and Cindy Reid and Family - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Lois, Brenda and everyone who loved Brian: I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of that lil' grin of his, when he was up to mischief! My thoughts and prayers are with you - you are on my heart. Love, Wendy

Wendy Brink - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Dearest Rayleen, Lois, Kayla, Cemone and Paris and family and friends:
It's hard to understand why people are taken from us, but we might find comfort in knowing that they are in a special place now.
Brian was a very special and unique person. Mannix and I never got to know Brian personally, but the way "his family" came to be these last few years certainly did have a positive reaction for many people in his life!

We can also all take comfort in the fact that there are memories of love and friendship that will be the treasures that we will carry with us forever!

Our Sincerest Sympathy and Love to all,
Uncle Mike(Mannix) and Deb Manincor

Mike and Deb Manincor - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ We were very sorry to hear of the loss of Brian. He was a very kind man and will be missed by all of us that were lucky enough to have grown up with him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Walter "Tank" and Debbie Klima - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Calumet Township Fire and Rescue would like to send out our thoughts and prayers to his family and his brothers at the fire station.

Calumet Township Fire and Rescue - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Our deepest sympathy and heart felt prayers go out to you and your family. What tragic loss this is. Brian was a very kind man as I knew him. God bless

Tom Hoenig - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ To all in the family-

I was very saddened to learn of the loss of Brian. Brian and I graduated together, we were friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time, Brian was a great guy, and he will be missed. Tom Clark Jr.

Tom Clark - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Rayleen and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you adjust to the loss of Brian, a very special young man. There were so many of his dad's(Jake was a classmate)qualities that Brian possessed so I know he was loving, loyal and dedicated to you and family. May those precious memories of special times help comfort you during this difficult period.

John and Lorna Anderson - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Rayleen,
Our sincere condolences to you, the girls and the rest of your family. You are in our hearts and prayers. We will not be able to be there but know we are thinking of you. Hold on to all you enjoyed together and know he will always be with you. If you need anything you need only say so. All our love Bill, Cherish (Peanut) and the girls.

Bill Nelson - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Lois and family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We have fond memories of Brian as a little boy. God be with you.
Bonnie and Lindy Tadiello

A friend - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dear Lois, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you face this great loss in your life. You have my sympathy. God will be with you and carry you wehn needed.

Kathie Peterson Hill - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Rayleen and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. The stories that you shared of Brian were amazing. He was a well loved man, husband, father, son, and friend. I will keep your family in our thought and prayers during this difficult time. Remember Rayleen, Brian will show you the way and help you through this.*
Lindsay, RN ICU

Lindsay Heino - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Rayleen, girls and Semke family,*
We are so sorry for your loss. There are no words now that will make this any easier.
Just know there are lots of prayers going out to you all now.
Take comfort in each other.
Love,
Josh and Erin Franz

Erin and Josh Franz - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *I am so sorry for your families. May peace be with your family.*

nicci spade - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Our deepest sympathy to Brian's family, our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you at this difficult time. (Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the service as I am currently out of the country) Joe and Lisa

On behalf of the Florence Volunteer Fire Department please accept our deepest condolences, it has been an honor to have known and served with him over the years and we are praying that you find comfort in the wonderful memories of such a great man. Chief Joe Witynski and firefighters of the Florence Volunteer Fire Department.

Joe and Lisa Witynski - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Brian was a great guy and will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dean and Anne Bennett - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Brian! I guess there are no appropriate words, but may the Lord comfort you all right now. Our prayers are with you.

Sharon Mitchell and Ryan Fredericks - November 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Rayleen and family: Our deepest sympathy with caring thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May all those precious memories be a comfort to you.

Dan and Sue Passamani - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Ron Graham and Family - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Rayleen and Girls, Lois, Brenda and Teddy: Our hearts go out to you at this time of loss. May your memories put a smile on your face and make your pain lessen as time passes. Carrie and Brad Kaiser and Maggie and Robbie Ivey

Carrie Ivey Kaiser - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ There are no words to describe how sorry we are to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Jenn, Jason, Allie, Alex, Emily, and Christian

Jennifer Fulfer - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We are sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ray Santi and Family - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God Bless! ~~Audrey

Audrey Pelozo-Onesti - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Brian. You guys are in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong. Brooke, Jesse and kids

Brooke Carlson - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayer go out to all of you. Rayleen, Brenda, Lois, Kayla, Monie, Paris, Ted and the rest of the family. Brian was well loved by everyone and by all of you. He loved you all no words can describe it. Love, Michelle, Keith and kids

Michelle Smokevitch-Graves - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Brian Semke, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

John, Cathy, Emily and Katie Faccin

Cathy Faccin - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM