



Howard Weackler,

January 31, 1935 - January 31, 2011

Howard L. Weackler, Jr., 76, of 208 4th St. Alpha, passed away on Monday, January 31, 2011 at his home.

He was born December 29, 1934 in Alpha, son of the late Howard L. Sr. and Eleanor (McCarty) Weackler. Howard graduated from Alpha High School in 1952 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. Howard married Marjorie Martin on June 25, 1960 in Crystal Falls. She preceded him in death on April 17, 1997. Howard was employed by Cleveland Cliffs for 26 years and worked at the Empire and Republic mines, retiring in 1990. He attended Christ United Methodist Church and was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the American Legion Post 87 of Crystal Falls. Howard served 23 years as Alpha village president and as a member of the Alpha Fire Dept. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, scrapbooking, and spending time at camp on the Brule River. Howard cherished his family, especially enjoying the company of his grandchildren.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth (Elaine) Weackler of Green Bay, WI; two daughters, Kelly (Paul) Martell of Green Bay and Kathy (Scott) Gussert of Crystal Falls; five grandchildren, Justin Weackler, Joshua and Carson Martell, and Andrew and Alexis Gussert; a brother, Brian Weackler of St. Joseph, MI; a sister-in-law, Joanne (David) Seppala of Crystal Falls; brothers-in-law, Chester Novey of Alpha, Robert (Joanna) Martin of Crystal Falls, Ervin

Anderson of Crystal Falls and Eugene Petska of Green Bay; and several nieces and nephews.

Howard was also preceded in death by a sister, Maxine Novey.

Visitation will be on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. A Masonic service will be held at 6:30pm at the funeral home followed by a Pass-in-Review conducted by the Eastside Veterans Council and including the Alpha Fire Dept.

Funeral services will be on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. Rev. Stephen Rhoades will officiate.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in the spring.

Howard's family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Paul Kaylor, Shria Painter, Jim Buss, Sheri Process and Brian & Betty Mauer.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Howard L. Weackler, Jr. online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls is serving the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Sorry To Here about the passing of your dad, Just found about Dan Cwik passing this weekend, Your dad was a great mentor to me during my younger years in Alpha, He would also ask me about my career and when I was coming home. This summer I'll have 34 years in the Fire Service, I Have played it forward on several occasions in my life and it started in Alpha. Sometimes I think back to all that made me who I am today, and your dad is near the top.

P.S. I m still going here in CA, but I can feel there is end coming to fire Dept and I'll transition to something new. again I'm sorry for your loss

joey

Joey Scarite - Yucaipa, CA - Family Friend - May 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I still remember the day he went fishing with my Dad on the Saunders to Pentoga float...it rained all day, and he and my Dad caught more and bigger trout than any other time my Dad went fishing...

I always remember him as a wonderful man....he will bemissed...

Marty Ball - Friend - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Howard always made me laugh and smile. He spoke his mind and was always up to date on the events of Alpha. When I broke my ankle, he filled me on all the scanner information and made me chuckle. We were in therapy together and he made iit so much more bearable. When Andrew and my niece, Emily, graduated, he challenged me to a wheelchair race. It was quite a way to make an entrance into their graduation.

He served our little Village with dedication, charm, and humor. He was a neighbor and a friend. I will miss him dearly. He is a part of history!!

My deepest sympathy to his children and grandchildren. May your special memories, and I know you have thousands, bring you comfort with time.

LaVerne Smith - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Our deepest sympathy to all the family and friends of Howard. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Shawn & Bernie - Friend - February 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Kelly..
Sending you much Love...

Gail Martell - Kelly's Sister-In-Law - February 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ WE OFFER OUR SYMPATHY ON THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. TAKE CARE.

JEFF AND LYNN - FRIENDS OF KEN AND ELAINE - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad always brought back memories of all the time I spent at the house in high school Kathy.....of course, seeing your mom and dad together was always a treat and a good laugh was always had. Now they are reunited.

Laura Frizzo - friend - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful dad. He was always so nice, so friendly and so fun to be around. I loved seeing him. He always made people feel so good. I think Marko said it best when he said, "Alpha will never be the same." He also referred to him as "The King of Alpha". I agree with both of those statements. This world will be not be the same either, but his spirit and all of those wonderful memories will live on. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Susie Mielcarek - February 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Hi, We are sorry for your loss. We had good times camping with your Mother and Dad. Eero had just talked to your Dad last week. They laughed and talked about old times . You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Eero and Barbara Taisto - Michigamme, MI - friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We are very thankful to have known such a wonderful man. Howard and all of his stories will be missed. Our sincerest sympathies to the family.

Jeff & Barb Camp - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We would like to express our sympathies to the entire family over the loss of Sonny. His great laugh was contagious and will live forever in all our memories.

Bill & Mary Lee (Novey) Wallace - Friends of Family - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Brian,

Your brother will be missed by all who knew him. I don't remember a time that he wasn't laughing or telling a funny story. Please accept our love, prayers and sympathy at this difficult time.

Bill & Mary Lee (Novey) Wallace - Mesa, AZ - Friends of Brian - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ My thoughts and Prayers are with you all.

Michelle Smokevitch-Graves - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Kelly,

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. We know how close you were to him and how much he meant to you. We are keeping you, Paul and the boys in our prayers. Love, Dennis and Colleen

Colleen Martell - Kelly's sister-in-law - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ God Bless You

James and Vivian Johnson - Good Friends - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ We are sorry for your lose of a wonderful man. Jimmy enjoyed spending time wth Howard and especially taking rides to camp. His personality always kept us laughing and brought a warm smile to our faces. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Love Jim and Vivian Johnson and Family

jim and vivian johnson - crystal fals , MI - friend of Howard - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To Kenny, Kathy and Kelly,
Just to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time for you. I always liked your dad, I remember all those fun times at the fireman's picnics at Stager and of course on the 4th of July. I was always so proud to have a dad who was a fireman and I'm sure you were too. Your dad always made me laugh whenever we talked, he was a good guy. I know my dad will miss him. God's blessings and peace to all of you.

Lauri Cwik - Colorado Springs, CO - friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You will always be remembered as the supervisor of our neighborhood. Always makin sure the job was done right! We will miss your funny stories and wonderful "attitude" towards life.
Rest in Peace

John & Shannon Umentum - family friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ Howie - We will miss you so much - I will always remember the times we had, especially the thanksgiving feasts we had at camp the past few years.

Elaine - Daughter in law - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I remember the camping trips, baseball games and playing in the yard(s). The making of our Great Forts made out of leaves, and how your mother and father would sit and laugh at all our hard work, just so we could entertain ourselves with our imaginations on the run, all to have fun. To be the Great Father figure that he was to so many, it's hard to believe that he is gone. He will be greatly missed by all who loved him so dearly. We are sorry for your Loss of Such a Great Man.

Darryl, Beth and Kevin Schindler - Banning, CA - classmate, friend - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am sorry for the passing of your father and/or brother. I will miss his trips along Stager Lake Road on his way to or from the camp. He would always stop for a minute and pass out his wisdom of the day. His smile and sense of wit will be missed by any who knew him or met him. Kacky was a tied and true resident of Alpha.

Jim Rossi - Traverse City, MI - Younger Classmate - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ What a wonderful man with a heart of gold who loved his family and friends and especially his grandchildren. Howard taught me things about the UP and shared memories like no other. He wasn't the same since God took his beloved Marge whom I loved so dearly. They are angels together.....that brings me peace. ~ Love Teresa

Teresa Barrett - Lewiston, NY - Former Daughter-In Law - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Dad.....I will miss you and love you forever

Kelly Martell - daughter - February 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

W(

“ Uncle Sonny, I will never forget your laugh. You had the best laugh in the world. I am so happy that I gave you a great BIG hug and kiss the last time I saw you. That happy smile is in my memory! To Kathy, Kelly, Kenny, and the rest of the family I am so sorry for your loss!

William and Caryn Ihlenfeld - Waukesha, WI - Great Niece (Caryn) - February 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM