



Dennis Bilski

January 3, 1950 - February 14, 2026

NORWAY- Dennis Warren “Hook” Bilski age 76 of Norway, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2026 surrounded by his family, at Banner Baywood Medical Center in Mesa, AZ.

He was born January 3, 1950 in Norway, the son of the late Adam and Marie (Ruatti) Bilski.

Hook graduated from Norway High School in 1968. He later earned his bachelor of education degree from Northern Michigan University.

He taught health education and was a boys and girls high school basketball coach, and was named coach of the year, he retired from Pembine School District 35 years later.

Hook loved everything outdoors. In the fall, he could be found in the woods hunting and spent many summers on his boat fishing in Algoma, WI. He even published a book called “November”.

In recent years, Hook spent winters with his sister Sandy and her husband David in Apache Junction, AZ. He made many friends and enjoyed playing pickle ball and being a member of the Bocce Ball League at City Park and Apache Junction.

Hook was a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway; he also attended St. George Church in Apache Junction.

Dennis is survived by his sister Sandy (David) Zeeb; nephews David Zeeb, Dennis (Amy) Zeeb and Michael Zeeb; nieces Shelby (Artie) Burby, Colleen (Tim Fabry) Farrell and Melanie (Haakon) Hagemeister; great nieces Autumn (Xaiver) Endress, Natasha (Jessie) Cronick, Kaicey (Michael) VonStockhausen, Lily Hagemeister, Marie Hagemeister and Evelyn Hagemeister; great nephew Adam Zeeb; great great nephew Owen Cronick; great great nieces Juliet VonStockhausen and Claire Endress; also his extended family, his long time friend Ronnie DeBernardi and the DeBernardi Family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Sharon Bilski.

Hook touched so many lives, his family would like to thank all of the providers at Banner Baywood Medical Center, they all took good care of Hook. They would also like to offer a special thanks to his special friends Nicki and Corrina for the help they offered when he needed it most.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 28 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Abraham Mupparathara officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

There will be a bocce ball memorial tournament held in Hook's honor at a later date at Weavers Needle in Apache Junction, AZ.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pembine High Class of 1984 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dennis Bilski.*



Pembine High Class of 1984 - February 27 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Pembine High Class of 1984 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dennis Bilski.*

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BR

“ *Brian, Jo, & Royce purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dennis Bilski.*



Brian, Jo, & Royce - February 26 at 03:31 PM

CC

“ *What a blessing to have met Dennis in Arizona, only to find out we were from the same area Up North! We know so many of the same people and shared many stories. He certainly enjoyed his life and lived it with great joy! Dennis will always be near and dear to my heart, as will his sister Sandy and her family. Glad God brought them into my life! Till we meet again "young man"! Love and miss you!*

Corrina Coon - February 26 at 01:25 PM

WH

“ With love, Peanutbutter & Jenn Haegele purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dennis Bilski.



With love, Peanutbutter & Jenn Haegele - February 26 at 10:11 AM

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With love, Peanutbutter & Jenn Haegele - February 26 at 10:11 AM

MO

“ Auntie Sandy and entire family who loved Hook, sending my sincere sympathy at this sad time. I remember him when I was little and always thought he was SOOO TALL, I also remember how much he loved being around your children and nieces. So sorry for your loss. Hugs!!!

Mary and Duane

mary Oman - February 25 at 06:34 PM

NW

“ Dennis helped me so much at Weaver's Needle on the pickleball courts and bocce ball. He was such a good friend to me and I will miss him terribly!! ❤️ Nicki Wentworh

Nicki Wentworth - February 25 at 01:57 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Hook's passing. Played many years of fast pitch softball with him and he was a pure joy to play with. Never, ever, a down day and would have us laughing all game long , every game. He was our catcher and caught for his good friend Kenny Pengrazi. The way they yelled at each other, changing pitches, in the middle of his windup was classic ! Saw him all the time in church so I know God was important in his life. That brings me comfort. Rest in peace my friend.

David Bray

david bray - February 25 at 11:07 AM

DE

“ EVEN THOUGH I DIDNT KNOW HIM BY NAME ALWAYS LIKED WHEN HE CAME INTO FORSLUNDS N ID HELP HIM WHEN NEEDED I NICKNAMED HIM CAMOFLOGE CAUSE HE WAS ALWAYS WEARING IT ALWAYS VERY SWEET IM SAD TO HAVE HEARD OF HIS PASSING WILL MISS SEEING N TALKING TO HIM...DONNA EHMER

DONNA EHMER - February 25 at 10:48 AM

SD

“ Dennis will be missed terribly in the Iron Mountain Bocce League. His kind spirit, thoughtfulness, work ethic, encouraging ways and humor was a continual encouragement to everyone he encountered. He strove for excellence and encouraged others in their skills. His acts and words of kindness will never be forgotten and he will be missed by everyone.

Shelly Danielson

shelly danielson - February 22 at 09:46 PM

FC

My Deepest Sympathy to the Families..

frances campbell - February 25 at 10:08 AM

AC

Having a camp on the Norway Truck Trail (Felch Mountain Rd) always meant a stop at K'dang's (Ron DeBernardi) camp. Hook was there hunting many times. Fun to listen to, but he was always a good listener also.

Our sympathy also to Dave Zeeb -- the same Dave who lived in Norway for a few years? On Maple St?

Albert & Chris Carlotto

Albert Carlotto - February 25 at 01:07 PM

SB

So sorry to hear about Dennis. My mother (Irene Bianchi) always spoke highly of him and couldn't have had a better neighbor. Condolences to the family.

Sandra Blom - February 25 at 03:52 PM

JH

Dennis will be sorely missed. When he and Peanutbutter met in Algoma on the "B dock", they were inseparable. Great memories! What a blessing he was to us

James "Peanutbutter" & Jenn Haegele - February 26 at 10:19 AM