



## Edward "Edgie" Bal

June 12, 1931 - September 14, 2016

NORWAY- Edward L. "Edgie" Bal age 85 of Norway, died Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born on June 12, 1931 in Norway, the son of the late Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Bal.

Edgie graduated from Norway High School in 1949. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict until 1954.

He married Marie Polomis on August 25, 1956 in St. Rose's Church in Racine, Wisconsin.

He started working for Michigan Bell in 1957 and retired from AT&T in 1991. At that time he started his own business (Bal Communication) and supported the Quinnesec Mill's phone systems until 2012.

Edgie was a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway, a very active member of the Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion, sat on the Norway City Council, Norway Parks and Recreation Committee and the Norway Electric Utility Board.

He was an avid gardener with his special friend and helper Shelly Danielson, he loved fishing and hunting, woodworking with special friends Wayne and Mary Hulce, making and sharing wine and apple juice. He especially enjoyed going fishing in Alaska for the past four years, with special friends Dave and Jeanne Mott.

Ed is survived by his wife of 60 years Marie; sons Michael (Sally) Bal of Norway, Patrick Bal of Vulcan and Thomas (Angie) Bal of DePere, WI; daughters Kathleen (Don) Fiorani of Marquette, Donna DuLong of Denver, CO and Suzanne Bal of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren Anne (Mike) Schienke of Clinton Twp, MI, Jill Bal of Chandler, AZ, Amy Fiorani and John Fiorani both of Marquette, Billie Bal and Rachael Bal both of DePere, WI; brothers Joseph "Tat" Bal and George (Betty) Bal both of Norway; sisters Marie Devine of Norway, Patsy (Bill) Zanona of Vulcan and Marge (Lee) Meneghini of Norway; sisters-in-law Bernice Bal and Joan Bal both of Norway; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brothers John and Wally Bal; his brother-in-law Robert Devine and sister-in-law Margie Bal.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 18 from 4-7 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Parish Prayers will be cited at 7 p.m. on Sunday.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis, presiding.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Mass

SEP **19**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

ST

“ Marie & family,  
I just learned about Edgie passing & am so sorry for your loss. He  
will always be remembered for his kindness & fun-loving ways.  
Please accept my sincere sympathies.  
My thoughts & prayers are with all of you.  
God bless...

Susan Tinti - September 23, 2016 at 08:00 PM

KB

“ My deepest sympathy goes to the family. .

Kathy ball - September 17, 2016 at 11:31 AM

DS

“ This is Dave Smith, Some of my fondest memories of Edgie were  
the times he and I went fishing! He would come and get me and  
taught me a monumental amount about both fishing and life  
lessons. He will be missed very much. Marie, my deepest sympathy  
to you and yours, I think of you all often.

Dave Smith - September 17, 2016 at 06:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.



September 16, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



September 16, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *(pls see above) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



**(pls see above)** - September 16, 2016 at 01:08 PM



“ *Don Davy and Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



**Don Davy and Family** - September 16, 2016 at 01:07 PM



“ *Verso Information Technology purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



**Verso Information Technology** - September 16, 2016 at 12:58 PM

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“ Clem and Peggy Smith and Dave and Lorrie Smith purchased the In Memory Heart Shaped Music Box for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.



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**Clem and Peggy Smith and Dave and Lorrie Smith -**  
September 16, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.



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September 16, 2016 at 10:48 AM

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“ When Clem and I got to visit Edgie and Marie, Edgie took us to see his garden he was so proud of and with good reason , it was something to see, and talking about planting this and that and when best to plant different things, I'll never forget it, or him. He was so special, all the things he could do, fix , or make, that's what you call a self made man. Then when he took us to show us his woodworking, different things he had made. I will always treasure the wooden stool he made me and the cheese cutting board. Marie's loving care and good cooking helped to sustain Edgie thru all his illness, bless his heart and Marie's too. We love you both.  
Clem and Peggy

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**Clem and Peggy Smith -** September 16, 2016 at 09:59 AM

JM

“ *John Mckay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



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**John Mckay** - September 16, 2016 at 09:42 AM

JB

“ *Patrick, my heart filled condolences and glad I had the opportunity to meet your father.*

*your friend always, Jim Buffington*

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**Jim Buffington** - September 16, 2016 at 08:34 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edward "Edgie" Bal.*



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September 15, 2016 at 06:37 PM