



## Ernest V. Lardenoit

May 6, 1926 - February 22, 2013

ERNEST LARDENOIT NORWAY- Ernest "Ernie" Lardenoit age 86 of Norway, passed away Friday, February 22, 2013 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara, WI. from recent complications of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Ernie was born May 6, 1926 in Norway, son of the late Victor and Anna (Varda) Lardenoit. He graduated with the Norway High School Class of 1944 and then served his country for two years in the US Navy before returning to the family business, Lardenoit Distributing where he worked until his retirement in 1982. He married his high school sweetheart, Eva LaPorte on May 31, 1947 and they enjoyed almost 62 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on May 8, 2008. Ernie was a successful businessman and proud and valued member of the First National Bank of Norway Board of Trustees, serving as Chairman of the Board for almost 20 years. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served for several years on the Parish Services Commission, a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, #1474, and a life member of Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion and Norvulet Post #4581, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ernie was a world class conversationalist and could reminisce with the best of them. He rarely forgot a name or a face, especially of former customers of the beer business. He seemed to run into people he knew wherever he went and when he didn't bump into old friends, he made new ones. Ernie was a Green Bay Packer season seat holder since the 1960's and enjoyed games with his wife, good friends, children and grandchildren for many years. Upon retirement he enjoyed traveling with his

wife, attending his grandchildren's sporting events, time at Camp 41, his cottage at Hamilton Lakes and working in his yard. After losing his wife he also enjoyed the companionship and meals at the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center and being a tour guide at the Jake Menghini Museum. Ernie is survived by his three daughters, Roseann (Greg) Poetz of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Marianne (Fran) McCarthy of Hamilton Lakes, and Sheri (Don) LeBombard of Vulcan; his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren Josh (Emily) Poetz and children Ryan and Jacob of Seneca, SC, Matt McCarthy (April Kelly & Jaylyn) of Vulcan, Erin (Scott) Hoffman and children Mac and Maggie of Brussels, WI, and Cody & Connor LeBombard of Vulcan; his devoted sister, Carol Kimichik of Norway, a sister-in-law, Rose Marie Muraro of Norway, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, JoAnne in 1975; and his first granddaughter, Kristi (Poetz) McRae and her husband Jim McRae in 1996. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 3 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Military Services will be held on Sunday at 6 p.m. and Parish Prayers will be held at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 4 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Jake Menghini Museum or the Norway-Vulcan Senior Center. They can be sent c/o Ortman Funeral Home, P.O. Box 155, Norway, MI 49870. Pallbearers will be grandsons Josh Poetz, Matt McCarthy, Cody LeBombard, Connor LeBombard, grandson in-law Scott Hoffman and friend Mark Skog. The family wishes to thank the administration and staff of Evergreen Assisted Living where Ernie enjoyed seven happy months before his illness required a transfer to Maryhill Manor and also all the caregivers at Maryhill for their kind and compassionate care.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Fondly remember the indoor basketball court up in "Belgium Town".  
Will miss seeing him when I visit Norway.*

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**Roger Hallgren** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ As a life-long friend of Ernie, I share your sadness at his death. As pre-kindergarten kids he and I played together on the sand banks in Belgium Town. I recall that the sand was often littered with snail shells as the Belgians were fond of eating a special type, and after the "meat" was extracted with a needle, the shells were thrown out into the sandy mounds. I often stayed with my grandmother (Eugenie Van Laere) who lived very close to Ernie's family. I believe I am correct that his grandmother was Josephine De Clark who was my grandmother's best friend. I can't spell or pronounce her Belgian name as I just knew her as "Vin De Bock". These 3 houses were all very close to the Lardenoit "pop shop" as we called it. The entire neighborhood was populated primarily with folks from Belgium and the families were good friends. Ernie and I were school mates in Norway through graduation in 1944 and of course Eva was part of that class. She became his sweetheart and I remained his friend. At the end of June the class members scattered and I went to Chicago where I lived for 45 years. However I returned with my husband for many class reunions that Ernie and Eva planned and carried out at the Rialto and also at their home for a more intimate setting. They had their cottage on the "Second Lake" (Louise) and we had one on the same lake, but on the opposite shore. Unfortunately we rarely saw them as we were only there for a few weeks in summer. However we DID sometimes bump into them at the Fairgrounds over the Labor Day weekend. The meeting was always sweet, full of remembrances and Ernie was the one who made it that way. I believe the class of '44 was a special group and Ernie has now joined so many of them who have passed on. That will be a reunion that he and Eva will attend without having had to make the arrangements but with many glad greetings! Fondly thinking of the past,  
Margaret (Lundin) Jacobson

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Margaret Jacobson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Roseann, Marianne, Sheri: Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Eva or Ernie, I feel like I know you all as Roseann has spoken of your family often with great pride and affection. On behalf of all Greg and Roseann's family in Indianapolis, we share in your sorrow with the death of your father.

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**Jackie (Poetz) Hagist** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We are all so saddened to hear of Ernie's passing....(having just heard from John Bertoldi). Dad and Ernie were what we would call now BFF's and we all cherish the time we spent with Ernie, Eva, and your whole family. Dad (and Jim) were so pleased to be able to spend time with Ernie this past summer. So much sympathy fills our hearts for you all....

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**Christine, Jim and Howard Hill** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Aunt Sheri, Uncle Donny, and family, Thinking of you in this difficult time. Wish we could be there to give you a hug. We love you all.  
Shane, Gena, & Preston Warner

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**Shane & Gena Warner** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Roseann and family--While my Mother was in Mary Hill for a short stay last year, your Dad was there. He was looking forward at that time to moving into Evergreen. We all sat and talked for a time; he was very friendly and such a nice man. He talked about his kids, and loved all of you so much. My sincere sympathy to all of you.  
Carol Socha

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**Carol Socha** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Dear Rosanne, Marianne, and Sheri,  
My deepest sympathy in the loss of your Dad. I would see and talk with him at Evergreen when I would visit my Brother, and enjoyed our conversations. He was a distinguished and loving person and spoke so very fondly of his family. Know it's never easy losing a parent - cherishable memories keep them alive in heart.  
Take Care & God Bless,  
Betty

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**Betty (Jansen) Phillips** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Sorry about Ernie's passing away. I have known Ernie since high school. He was also good friends with Ben Bray. Often taking Ben to Packer games. Again sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Bill Bray Indianapolis Indiana.

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**Bill Bray** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ RoesAnne, Marianne, and Cheri and Families: We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I know he will be terribly missed by you all. Good days and good memories hold the living together and you have many of those to share from your father, Take Care, Love Holly, Tony and Families

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**Holly and Tony Biolo** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ From the Kimichik Family in Dallas, Texas: We are keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Hopefully Ernie is now in a place where he will find peace and love. The Kimichiks

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**The Kimichik Family** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM