



## George Kanyuh, Jr.

December 29, 1926 - June 19, 2009

GEORGE "SONNY" KANYUH, JR. NORWAY- George Kanyuh, Jr. age 82 of Norway, died Friday, June 19, 2009 in Norway, MI. He was born in Kingsford, MI on December 29, 1926, the son of the late George and Theresa (Bayrel) Kanyuh. George served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married Sophie Opolka on June 14, 1952 in St. Mary's Church in Norway. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2006. They moved to Benton Harbor where they raised their family and lived for 33 years. He was a volunteer fireman for the St. Joe Township Station #2 for 21 of those years. George retired from management at Whirlpool Corporation in 1984 at which time he and Sophie moved back to Norway. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who loved spending time at his deer hunting cabin which he named "Sonny's Boondocks". He made many wonderful memories there with his friends and family. George also enjoyed gardening, canning, woodworking and cooking for large groups at various social events. He was a very devoted Catholic, a member of St. Mary's Church. He was a member of Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion, Norvulet Post #4581, V.F.W, Fourth Degree Member K of C, Holy Spirit Council #9523, and Loyal order of Moose, #1474. George is survived by his two sons George (Lisa) Kanyuh of Rapid River, Garry (Linda) Kanyuh of Hartford; daughter Starla (Michael) Wilcenski of Waterford; grandchildren Averil, Hannah, George, Aaron, Cassandra and Blaise; brothers Ken and Bob; sisters Betty, Patsy and Theresa; brother-in-law Henry Opolka. He was preceded in death by his brother Jim; and sisters Gladys, Dorothy and

Luella. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Prayers will be held on Tuesday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Arnold Grambow presiding. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ George, Garry, and Starla.....  
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We will always remember the many fun times we had with both George and Sophie. We often pass by their former home on Nickerson as we are in the "harbor" every two weeks to restore my childhood home. Our sincere sympathies to you all. love john and jo

---

**john and jo faher** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Garry & Starla:  
Sorry to hear about your Dad. I hope you are doing well despite your loss.  
Tim Metz

---

**Tim Metz** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Gary, I'm sorry to hear about your dad. My first thought is that he is with your mom. You are in my thoughts. Hope everything else in life is going good for you. I go by your old house on Colfax every day and often think of you, and your family. Take care your old friend  
Laura Sieber

---

**Laura Sieber** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I worked with your dad in punch press for many years, I had nothing but the most respect for him. With the deepest feelings I wish you all the best.

---

**Jim Griffis** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Gary - I just heard about your dad - I am truly sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Sorry I couldn't be there for the funeral.....Ray

Ray & Liz Darato - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our prayers are with you.

Michael & Cathy MacKenzie - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Gary - very sorry to hear about your dad - just saw the paper. We are thinking of you.

Pat Zeiger - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ George, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Lisa and all the family in this difficult time. May God bless and comfort you.

Mark Hager - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Ken & Family of George, we are very sorry to hear of your loss. You & Your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

A Friend - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Our prayers are with you Starla, George, Gary and your families. A piece of your father will always live in each one of you. He is finally up in heaven with Sophie dancing. We love you and will remember your father forever.

Kelly,Ron, Tyler and Drake - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM