



## Gerald Arnold Sr.

January 29, 1943 - June 4, 2020

HARDWOOD- Gerald E. Arnold, Sr. age 77 of Hardwood, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford, MI.

He was born on January 29, 1943 in Norway, the son of the late Gerald Arnold and Vertin and Catherine (Opolka) LaCosse.

He married Dana Bonikowske on June 7, 1969 in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death on December 19, 2017.

Gerald work as a carpenter and was a proud member of the Carpenters Local #1510 and the Laborers Local #1329.

He had many hobbies; he enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, listening to music, camping, was very good at playing horse shoes and an avid Packer Fan.

Gerald and Dana enjoyed wintering in Brownsville, Texas with many memories with his sister and brother-in-law Julie and Bill Cotton.

Gerald is survived by his children David (Julie) Koller, Denise (Barry) Barglind, Darla (Jim) Pardon, Robert (Vicki) Sparpana and Gerald (Melody) Arnold, Jr.; grandchildren Kevin, Scott, Troy, Kyle, Kory, Megan, Jonathen, Cassie, Josh, Jacob and Angela; great grandson Jaydin and Brody; sister Rosalie Neuens

and Beverly Lake; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son Douglas Koller; in-laws Art Neuens and Frank Lake, Frank Schinderle and Bob and Barbara Brown Schinderle.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Jerry and Dana Arnold Family: I wish I were in town and could be there in person to be with the children and grand children. I feel like I know everyone as much as Dana and I talked all the time. I have good memories! Prayers for the family.

*Donna Carlson Gunter*

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**Donna Carlson Gunter** - June 06, 2020 at 01:38 PM

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“ We will miss Grandpa Jerry and the fond memories he leaves behind. He enjoyed grooming snow in his yard for his grandkids to sled and toured us around his garden many times. It was the largest vegetable garden I've seen! Thanksgiving and Christmas with our family at Grandma & Grandpa's home in Hardwood was a childhood staple, often including Grandpa leading us in a toast. Visiting their house in Hardwood was always an adventure. In 2011, I spent a day deep sea fishing in the Gulf with Grandpa, it was the best - he was in his element fishing and spending time on the water. I am glad that Grandma and Grandpa are together again. Grandma has been waiting for him, just as fat and sassy as ever❤️



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**Troy** - June 05, 2020 at 06:55 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Butch s passing he was a great n wonderful man. He would help anyone with any project. I am proud to be part of his family Monica and I extend are deepest sympathies Rest In Peace Butch. Don maule

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**don maule** - June 05, 2020 at 06:45 PM

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*God Bless you Gerry. You and Dana and your entire family were always warm and welcoming to us. You took me to a lot of fishing spots and I learned a lot from you. You were always willing to show us where and how to catch what was biting at the time. I remember fishing with you and little Butch on Vulcan Lake, the Sturgeon River, the Menominee River, and Little Bay De Noc. We netted smelt at No See Um Creek and snowmobiled across the railroad bridge over the Sturgeon on the way back from Beaver Pete's. (A curve ahead and a curve behind. I didn't even know that track was still being used until we were 1/2 way across.) We enjoyed The Oak Ridge Boys at the Escanaba Fair with you and the family absolutely pigged out at your house on Dana's cheese and potato pierogies swimming in butter. A lot of good memories that I will always cherish. Thank you for who you were to us. I'll always remember you and Dana. Hope to see later.*

*Your cousin Rich, Joan, Becky and Brian Suchan*

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**Rich Suchan (Gerrys cousin) - June 21, 2020 at 06:06 AM**