



## John E. Bal

July 4, 1928 - June 2, 2014

JOHN BAL NORWAY- John E. Bal age 85 of Norway, died Monday, June 2, 2014 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. John was born on July 4, 1928 in Norway, the son of the late Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Bal. He attended and graduated from Norway High School . John served his country in the Navy as a jet engine mechanic from 1948 to 1968. He married Bernice Baker on February 13, 1954 in Milwaukee, WI. John moved with his family to Waukesha, WI in 1968 where he continued his career with Waukesha Motors until retiring in 1990. John returned to his beloved hometown of Norway, in 1996 where he was an active member of the Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion, enjoyed hunting, fishing, and wood working. He is survived by his wife of 60 years Bernice Bal, sons Gary (Clara) Bal of Chicago, IL, Bruce Bal of Boston, MA, daughter Margaret (Ben) Bache-Wiig of Minneapolis, MN; brothers Edward (Marie)Bal, Joseph Bal, George (Betty) Bal; sisters Marie Devine, Patsy (Bill) Zanona, Margaret (Lee) Meneghini and sister in law Joan Bal; grandchildren Cynthia Baricos, Sarah, Peter, Meredith, Grace Bache-Wiig, Jessica, Jamie Bal; great grandchild Vivienne Baricos and many nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by his brother Walter Bal, sister in law Marjorie Bal and brother in law Robert Devine. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 6 from 4-7 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery. The family request that memorial contributions may be made to the Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion and Walter Bal Scholarship Fund.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our sincere condolences to Bernice, Gary, Bruce, Marge and the entire Bal family. We hope happy memories will comfort you through this sad time. We are making a donation to the American Legion in John's name.

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**Mike & Patti Rask** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Bal family and friends. May you each cherish the memories of a life well lived in service to family and country.

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**Andy Coull** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bruce and Gary our thoughts are with you and your family at this time of loss. Your father leaves a legacy of wonderful children. This speaks to what a good man he was. We will be making a contribution to the American Legion in his name.

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**Mike and Debbie Montes** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM