



John Robert Ray

March 30, 1949 - May 17, 2015

NORWAY- John Robert Ray, 67, of Ishpeming, formerly of Norway, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, WI, following a courageous battle with cancer.

John was born March 1, 1948, in Norway, the eldest son of the late Betty A. (Caddy) Ray and Robert E. Ray, Sr.

John graduated from Norway High School in 1966. After high school, he enlisted in the Army and served in the 25th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War. For his service, he earned a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and a Combat Infantryman Badge. Having been wounded in combat, he was awarded a Purple Heart and was honorably discharged in 1969.

Following the war, he returned to Norway and worked for many years for Grede Foundry in Kingsford before moving to Ishpeming. He later attended Northern Michigan University, proudly earning a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology.

He was an avid golfer and fisherman and a lifetime member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars.

John is survived by his siblings, Robert, Richard, Jean, Cindy, Thomas, and Scott; and his son, Jeremy. He has many nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends who will remember him fondly.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Darlene.

Family will greet friends on Friday, May 22 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, at 1:30 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis pastor of St. Mary's Church, presiding.

A potluck for family and friends will be held after the services at John's childhood home.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
618 Norway Street
P.O. Box 155
Norway, MI 49870
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Memorial Service

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