



## Joseph J. Kmiec

July 9, 1937 - May 22, 2011

JOSEPH KMIEC NORWAY- Joseph J. Kmiec age 73 of Norway, died Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on July 9, 1937 in Milwaukee, WI. the son of the late John and Alice (Kubiaczyk) Kmiec. Joe attended school in Milwaukee and graduated from DePaul Hospital as a Substance Abuse Counselor and worked in the outpatient program at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton and the Halfway House in Kingsford. Joe married Rosemary Gayan on June 24, 1961 in St. Mary St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, MI. One of his greatest joys was as the owner and operator of Joe's Coffee Shop in Iron Mountain, until it was destroyed during a storm. He also was a heavy equipment operator in both Milwaukee and Iron Mountain. He enjoyed gardening, wood working and loved to fish, and play his accordion. He was a member of a dance band while in Milwaukee. Joe was an avid fan of the Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers. Joe was very proud of his children and grandchildren. He is a member of St. Mary's Church in Norway and was a member of St. Mary's Conference of SVDP. Joe is survived by his wife of 49 years Rosemary; son Steven (Lynn) Kmiec of Iron Mountain; daughters Karen (Rob) Steber of Florence, WI, Julie (David) Lepkowski of Hales Corners, WI., and Sherri (Brian) Pellegrini of Vulcan; grandchildren Nathan Steber, John and Jamie Kmiec, Daniel and Emily Lepkowski, Liz and Emilee Pellegrini; sisters-in-law June (Ralph) Izzo of Iron Mountain and Rosemary Gayan of Kingsford; brothers-in-law Tom (Carol) Gayan of Kingsford, Joe (Bev) Gayan of New

Mexico and Gerald Gayan of Iron Mountain; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Rosemarie Komorowski; sister-in-law Helen Swanberg and brother-in-law John Gayan. Family will greet friends on Thursday, May 26 from 9-10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding. Interment will be held at 1 p.m. at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Joseph's name to the Norway St. Vincent DePaul.

# Tribute Wall

FM

“ To the Kmiec family, sorry to learn of Joe's passing. My prayers are with you for the days ahead.

Frank McPherson - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Dear Rosemary and Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. God has a plan for us! Cecilia and Loran

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VP

“ Dear Rosemary and family. Please know that you are thought of and prayed for this day and in the days to come. May God comfort and give you peace. Your friend, Verna Pollock

Verna Pollock - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Rosemary and Family: Our deepest sympathy to all on your loss of Joe. Our thoughts are with you.

Tom & Sharon Rusch - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Kmiec Family,  
My deepest sympathy on your loss of Joe. I have fond memories of him from when I was little and my mom (Fay) worked for him at the coffee shop. My heart goes out to you all during this very difficult time, and may you find comfort in cherishing your memories of him.  
Dina

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**Dina Perrault (Degenaer)** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Rosemary and All, My deepest sympathy to everyone. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Cynthia Gordon** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our Prayers are with you at this time.

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**Donna & Randy Wagner** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Aunt Rosemary, So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. My prayers go out to the whole family. Uncle Joe was a classic people person and could B.S. with the best. I will always remeber that deep, tough sounding voice of his. God bless todd gayan

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**todd gayan** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ To the Kmiec Family, My sincere condolences for your loss to your family. I remember your dad as a very friendly and happy person. He will be missed by many. Debbie Phillips

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**Debbie Koebel (f/k/a Phillips)** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Rest in Peace, Uncle Joe.*

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**Kathy Maynard** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM