



## Raymond G. Gattra

May 13, 1929 - January 14, 2011

RAYMOND GATTRA NORWAY - Raymond Gene Gattra, age 81, of Norway passed away of Friday, January 14, 2011 at the Bishop Noa Home in Escanaba, MI. Ray was born on May 13, 1929 in Norway, son of the late John and Mary (Pizetta) Gattra. Ray worked for over 40 years as a custodian and volunteer at Holy Spirit Central School until his 80th birthday. He also worked as a custodian at the Dickinson County Public Library in Iron Mountain and also at the Solomonson Branch in Norway. He also worked at the polls on election days in Norway for many years. He was an avid supporter of Norway High School athletics, attending every game that he could, cheering on former students from HSCS. Ray is survived by his sister Marie (Gattra) DeGroot of Norway, brother Edward Gattra of San Diego, CA, sister-in-law Luella (Raiche) Gattra of Norway and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Gattra, brother Arthur Gattra and sister-in-law Saimi (Saarela) Gattra , Arnold Gattra of Norway, sister-in-law Patricia (Nodine) Gattra of San Diego, CA and nephew John (Jack) Gattra of Vulcan. Visitation will be held Monday, Jan. 17 from 4-6 p.m. at Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Parish Prayers will be held on Monday at 5:30 p.m. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 18 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Vulcan. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Tim Ekaitis, presiding and Fr. Mark McQuesten concelebrating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.



# Tribute Wall

AS

“ I too remember Mr. Gattra from Holy Spirit. He was a wonderful kind and sweet man. As I have gotten older I appreciate his smile and calm matter even more. I remember helping him set up for events and his patience with us all. I would like to say thank you for everything he has done for all of us. He will be missed.

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**Allyn (Pohlson) Salisbury** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember Mr. Gattra as being a very kind and caring person while working at HSCS. The past few years I also knew him as my neighbor. He was very kind to my son, as well. Ryan also knew him from HCSC and loved helping him set up chairs for mass when he was little. Mr. Gattra will be missed and his memories will live on forever.

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**Maureen (Kelly) Menard** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Gattra made an impression on me while I was a student at HSCS as a gentle, steady person. He was good to be around, and an example to the children. His life will be remembered by many.

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**Susan (Hoheisel) Bovee** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Gattra was a formidable influence at HSCS. As custodian he is responsible for starting my interest in fixing things with what you have on hand. His care for the students was very evident and I do regret that I will not be able to attend the services. May your hearts mend and your memories stay strong! Regards,  
Fred

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**Fred Martinez** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM