



## Robert Martignon

August 16, 1926 - June 23, 2020

NORWAY- Robert "Cubby" Martignon age 93 of Norway, died Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Evergreen Meadows in Norway, MI.

He was born on August 16, 1926 in Norway, the son of the late Ernest and Ida (Ziller) Martignon.

Robert served his country in the US Navy during World War II.

He married Betty VanLeisel on August 10, 1951 in Racine, WI. She preceded him in death on May 15, 1992.

Robert was a lifelong member of St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan.

Cubby's number one concern was his family even in tough times, he was always there for us with caring advice and guidance.

He was an avid gardener, once growing a sunflower over 19ft. His main passion was carving and hand painting wooden Santa Clauses, completing over 400 for family and friends. When his youngest son became a priest, he celebrated by making a 2 ½ feet tall replica of St. Barbara's Church.

Cubby was also an excellent local historian and story teller, recalling all the

ore mines, local characters and their nicknames. His favorite stories of his boyhood days and frolics always put us in stitches.

Robert is survived by his sons Robert Martignon, Jr. of Kingsford and Fr. John Martignon of Houghton; daughter Sandy Johnson of Frederick, MD; granddaughters Beth and Carrie.

He was also preceded in death by his brother Norman.

Cubby also wished to thank doctors Mahadev and Victoria Jakel and their staff. The staff and residents of Evergreen Meadows in Norway, as well as the medical personal and P.T. department of the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center and Annie.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 29 from 6-8 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Parish Prayers will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 30 at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis and Fr. John Martignon officiating.

The Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **30**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church  
159 Mission Street  
Vulcan, MI 49892

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Really enjoyed his stories, a truly great person.



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**Jim Hopkins** - October 02, 2020 at 08:05 AM

JH

“ Prayers and condolences for all of you. A very kind and generous man.

*Jim Holmberg*

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**Jim Holmberg** - July 03, 2020 at 07:32 AM

PM

“ It was my honor to sing yesterday for Cubby's funeral. What a wonderful man. And after listening to Fr, John's homily/sharing memories it was apparent of his love for both his St. Barbara family & wife, children. It was all so very touching to hear. The military service out at the cemetery is always a very powerful moment, I was so happy to be able to share in that with family and friends.

*Peggy Mendina*

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**Peggy Mendina** - July 01, 2020 at 01:40 PM

BP

“ Whether sharing garden & carving pointers, local history information or first hand accounts of WW2, Cubby always brought a delightful perspective to the conversation. We appreciate his many acts of kindness throughout the community. Peace, Love and Prayers for his family and his many friends. Bill and Kay Palmcook



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**Bill & Kay Palmcook** - June 29, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Martignon.



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June 28, 2020 at 10:30 PM

JS

“ We always enjoyed our chats with Cubby whenever we visited The Uncles. It was fun listening to his stories and sharing a good laugh. We cherish our Santa's he carved and think fondly of him and Norway when they come out every Christmas. Our deepest sympathies to you all.  
Judy and Dave Sparapani

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**Judy Sparapani** - June 27, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Beth Conroy** - June 27, 2020 at 12:45 AM



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**Beth Conroy** - June 27, 2020 at 12:44 AM

RD

“ Hi all, so sorry for your loss.....  
My favorite memories of Cubby are the times we sat with him on the  
uncles bench and shared stories, there was some doozies. We will  
always remember him every time the Santa's are out and I can  
explain their histories to others.  
Peace be with you all,  
Ron & Jean DeGroot

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**Ron DeGroot** - June 26, 2020 at 09:36 PM

MW

“ I always enjoyed cubby's conversations about his childhood growing  
up in Norway and his time in world war 2. His carving talent was  
second to none god bless you. Mark wade

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**mark wade** - June 26, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of  
Robert Martignon.



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June 25, 2020 at 04:22 PM