



Willard Stanchina

June 9, 1932 - August 25, 2022

NORWAY- Willard “Banty” John Stanchina age 90 of Norway, died Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Marshfield Medical Center-Dickinson in Iron Mountain, MI.

He was born on June 9, 1932 in Norway, the son of the late John and Evelyn (Buckley) Stanchina.

Willard graduated from Norway High School in 1950, and started working for Norway Gravure.

He was drafted in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and when he was honorably discharged, he continued his schooling at the Minnesota School of Business where he received his bachelor’s degree.

Willard worked for Standard Oil, went back to Norway Gravure, and then worked for Hannahville Indian Community as a controller until his retirement in 1996.

He married Viola Yourkoski on July 9, 1960 in St. Barbara’s Church in Vulcan.

Willard raised beagles for years, was a member of the Northland Beagle Association, enjoyed hunting deer with his grandson, going to camp “Rekkabed” with his friends hunting rabbits, gardening, watching his

grandchildren play sports and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years Viola; daughter Maria (Mike) Degenauer of Norway; sons John (Karla) Stanchina of North Carolina and Joseph (Diane) Stanchina of Vulcan; grandchildren Zachary, Karli and Sofia; brother James Stanchina of Loris, SC; sister Kathleen Taff of Appleton, WI; sisters-in-law Mary (Robert) Hoheisel of Norway, Theresa (Ray) Saxton of Newton Falls, OH., Jean (Carl) Sims of Charleston, SC., Anne (Glenn) Wellman of Alpharetta, GA and Peri Anne Yourkoski of Bremerton, WA; many nieces and nephews.

Willard was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law Richard (Alice) Stanchina; and brothers-in-law John and James Yourkoski and Frank Taff.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 31 from 9:30-11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Marty Flynn officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Stanchina.*



August 31, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willard Stanchina.*



August 27, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ *Vincent Stanchina family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Willard Stanchina.*



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