



Alvin J. Gamelin

May 8, 1947 - January 19, 2009

Alvin J. Gamelin, age 61, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan went home to be with our Lord, on Monday, January 19, 2009 surrounded by his family. He was born on May 8, 1947 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Alvin graduated from Sault Area High School, and was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. He worked at the Soo Boat Tours for 22 years, he was also a religious education teacher to young students and enjoyed working with them in their faith. Alvin loved to walk in the country, draw, and read his Bible. He loved working in and around the house; gardening, landscaping and in his garage. Alvin loved his grandchildren and Jaden, his great grandchild, he loved to partake in all activities with them. On April 26, 1969 he married Mary Ruth Brownlee at St. Joseph Catholic Church, in Sault Ste Marie, MI. Alvin is survived by his wife: Mary Ruth, and one daughter: Michelle (Gary) Dunkel; three grandchildren: Christin, Amanda, Carrie; and one great grandchild: Jaden. He is also survived by two brothers: Wayne (Ada) Gamelin, Clifford "Kip" (Lisa) Gamelin; two sisters: Lorraine (Bob) Quarrell, and Debby (Larry) Wilkins; special sisters-in-law; Nancy (Wayne) Lowes and Kathy LaPraire (Marty); his special nieces and nephews, and his Yorkie: Precious. Alvin was preceded in death by his parents; Clifford and Joyce (Chalmers) Gamelin, and four brothers; Clifford, Eugene, Robert and Richard Gamelin. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM at St Isaac Jogues Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be at 11:00 AM with Brother John Hascall officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Gamelin family to

help with expenses.

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Please accept our heart felt sympathies and condolences to Mary and to Alvin's family. We truly did not expect Alvin to leave this world so soon, we know he will be loved and taken care of in the next world.

We will miss his distinctive laughter and the stories he had to tell.

Wonderful memories will be here always...

Jim and Linda Thomson

Jim and Linda Thomson - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ *Mary Ruth & Michelle,
I am sorry to hear of your loss. I remember the fun times we used to have as kids in the neighborhood. My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time.*

Heather (Shaski) Harwood - January 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Mary Ruth - I am so sorry to hear about Alvin. All you had to do is meet him once and you knew what a kind, funny man he was. I am so glad I saw you both at Church over Christmas. I wished I would have given him a hug. My grandmother will be very sad to hear the news.*

I wish you strength.

Love, Lori Matheson

lori matheson - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ I remember the times we had when we were kids. Laughing and having fun. My family and i will truly miss you. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan (McPherson) Lively - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Deepest Sympathy to Mary, Michelle and family. I'll never forget our monopoly game back when i was just a 15 year old kid. I think i won :P He had a wonderful kind, caring way about him that few people have. A wonderful person deep down to the soul. He will be dearly remembered and missed by so many. Bless you Alvin. Have faith, he is not gone forever.. just gone before us

Michelle Becker - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My family and i are very sorry for your loss and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Marcy (McPherson) Biron - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Mary, I am saddened to hear of the passing of my dear friend Alvin. May the peace of God be with you in your time of sorrow.

David Allen - January 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ *Mary Ruth:*

My condolences to you and your family on your loss. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Candy Dawson
Soo Locks Boat Tours
Dock #2*

Candy Dawson - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Mary Ruth and Michelle,*

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of times spent with your family. You're in my thoughts and prayers...

Kim (Haydon) Ruelle - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Dear Mary and family, Bob and were so sad to hear of Alvin's passing.*

He was such a nice ole teddy bear.

Mary, my lunch hour won't be the same now, it use to be fun when Alvin would come in for a sandwich for his "bride". He was pretty good at delivering your avon also.

We wanted to let all of you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Kareen Brown - January 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *We will really miss Alvin. We have only known him for a short time, but have really grown very fond of him. His is a great person and a good friend.*

Gail & Wally Nesberg - January 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM