



Benjamin J. Timmer

February 12, 1925 - March 25, 2009

With sad tidings we announce the death of Benjamin James Timmer, Jr., age 84, of Paradise, Michigan. He was born on February 12, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Margaret and Benjamin Timmer, Sr. He died on March 25, 2009 at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Ben considered the Upper Peninsula of Michigan "God's Country" and became a Yooper by heart when he started hunting in the Paradise area with his dad, uncles, and brothers in the 1940's. This passion was later shared with his sons and grandsons. He left high school early to join the United States Army during World War II, but in 2002 he received his High School Diploma from Whitefish Township Schools. He would often joke that he graduated in the top four of his class. While in the Army, Ben was trained as a combat engineer and in explosives disposal. He served in many areas of the European Theater including the Battle of the Bulge and in the Pacific Theater in Okinawa and Korea. After the War, he married Shirley Grigware. At the age of 23 years he became the youngest president of the Detroit Carpenters Union Local # 1433. Later he worked construction, and with his brother, Russ, founded Timmer Construction. They were later joined by their other brother, Harold. Ben and Shirley retired in 1989 in Paradise, Michigan. He was very active in the Paradise community and the Paradise Senior's Club where he had been a past president. Ben is survived by his wife of 62 years: Shirley Timmer; seven children: Ben (Laura) Timmer, Denise (Danny) Mitchell, Debbie (Lynn) Thompson, Larry (Lisa) Timmer, Tim Timmer, Janet (Kevin) Slifer, and Mark

(Lori) Timmer, 30 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother: Russ (Carol) Timmer and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: Ben and Margaret Timmer; a brother: Harold (Molly) Timmer; a sister: Kathryn (Bud) Smith; and a great granddaughter: Brooklyn. Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Friday, March 27, 2009 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the funeral home with Reverend Sandra Kolder officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to: The Paradise Foundation (Gazebo Project), Paradise, MI 49768.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Hi Larry,
I was sorry to hear of your father's passing. When I read the obituary I wasn't sure the son Larry was the Larry Timmer I knew so I was reluctant to go to the funeral home. I wasn't sure I'd still recognize you!
I tried hard to locate Carol to see if it was you, but by the time I did, it was too late.

Know that I care and wish now that I was able to connect with you. If you're interested please contact me via email.

Jane

Jane Holt Kennedy - April 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Debbie,
My thoughts and my prayers are with you, Lynn, and your family. I pray that the many happy memories of time spent with your dad help you through this difficult time.
Chris

Chris Walker - March 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I will miss your big bear hugs, and our long trips in Paradise with seeing all the deer. I know you are with your "Little Buddy (King)" and helping him take dad to all the "Hot Dog Girl corners". Love to my sis Shirley and all the family. I miss you all and hope to see you soon. Remember you are always in my prayers. Love, Joan

Joan - March 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ I am very sad to hear of the passing of Ben Timmer. He was one of my favorite customers. He always had a smile on his face. I will miss him very much.

Jenny TenEyck - March 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Debbie you and your family are in my prayers during this difficult time. May memories of happier times help ease your sorrow. In Deepest Sympathy, Alice Rahhal

Alice Rahhal - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Aunt Shirley and family, I was sorry to hear of Uncle Bens passing. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

Jeannie Cibor - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Ben will be missed at our senior dinners at the Community Bible Church. His stories of the past and his children will also be missed. Shirley we are praying for you and your family during this difficult time.

Gary & Debbie Van Sickle - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Aunt Shirley and all the family, my thoughts are with all of you at this difficult time. I can still remember all the fun I used to have coming up there to visit as a kid. Uncle Ben was so fun to be around. I still remember the big deer head as we were coming in the house. I will miss all the jokes he used to tell. God bless all of you and remember he's now your guardian angel keeping watch.

tami stallings(klotz) - March 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Debbie, my thoughts are with you and your family.*

Jane Cottey - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Debbie- My prayers are with you and your family. Sending you lots of love and hugs. Melanie*

Melanie Gray - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Dearest family,
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have always thought Uncle Ben was an extraordinary man and I know he will be missed by many. I love you all and he will always be in my thoughts and in my heart.
Love,
Debbi*

Debbi Inscoe - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Dear Timmer family. Uncle Ben will be greatly missed. We always had a great time when we could make the trip up with mom and dad. Our prayers are with you. Love you all. Roberta, Ron, Kristopher, Kyle and Kacie*

Roberta Neyer - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
The memories you have will live on in your heart forever.
Sincerely,
Marguerite Haar

Marguerite Haar - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. I am
sure he is smiling down on all of you
Chris McGurrin
Workman Elementary

Chris McGurrin - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ My sympathy goes out to the entire family, but especially to Debbie,
whom we miss here at Workman School. Thoughts and prayers are
with you.

Sue Iwema - March 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM