



## James Anthony Baron

May 8, 1945 - June 17, 2008

James Anthony Baron, age 63, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 8, 1945 in Watertown, New York. James received his Master's Degree in Education from St. Procopius University in Lisle, Illinois and taught 6th grade with the Sault Area Public Schools. James was a member of St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church where he served faithfully as a council member. He also was a member of the Bahweting Singers. He enjoyed being outdoors, walking, hunting, fishing, and wild flower identification. James also enjoyed photography, drumming, and antiques. James is survived by his special friend; Jane Homminga of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, two sons; Erik (Tracy) Baron of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Tim (Christie) Baron of Colorado, one daughter; Jennifer (Scott) Kenny of Ann Arbor, MI and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers; Joe Bettinger, Bill Bettinger, and Adam Horski. James was preceded in death by his parents: Elmer and Wanda (Horski) Bettinger and a sister: Carol Baron. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM through the evening on Friday, June 20, 2008 at the Sault Tribe Niigaanagiiizhik Building (Cultural Center). Evening prayers will begin at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Cultural Center with Brother John Hascall as Celebrant. Memorials may be left to the family of James Baron to help with funeral expenses.



# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I remembered that May 8 was V-E Day and I remembered from 6th grade, in L'Anse, that it was also our teacher's, (Jim Baron) birthday. He had us list what events occurred on this day and you got a bonus if you remembered it was his birthday. He was a great teacher and I still have fond memories of the 68-69 year and all the wonderful stuff he taught us. Spelling was set up like a baseball game with the class split in half. We had the walls covered in maps and country flags for Geography. The same with History for civilizations covering the wall. I had the Hittites. And who can forget his paddle stick. "Ouch, that smarts!" When talk back in L'Anse turns to great teachers we remember Mr. Baron and today it hit me it was his birthday so I googled his name and born May 8 and saw the news he passed in 2008. RIP Mr. Baron.

*Jim Menard  
Nome, Alaska*

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**Jim Menard** - May 08, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JH

“ Thinking of you today Chi Mukwa... Sure do miss you, Granny is doing well as I am sure your are to :)

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**Josh Homminga** - August 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ I will really miss my beloved uncle and will never forget him. I am heartbroken that I found out of his passing on google.com. He was my mother Carol's brother, and my brother Bill and I will keep him in our hearts even though our family has obviously lost touch. My heart goes out to his children, my cousins. God Bless.

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**Patti Arnold** - September 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ I was so sad to hear about Mr. Baron. He honestly was my favorite teacher! He touched my heart with alot of laughter. I was his favorite in class. He picked on kids, told jokes let us play the radio and everything! I don't recall a day without laughter. I already miss not seeing him at Franks Place, and yard sales on Saturdays. I called him slim Jim or Mr. B! I am sorry I did'nt attend services, but I just mourned his death today, when I found out. I pray for the strength of family members. This is a sad time for all of us that loved him. Remember, we will see him in heaven, this isn't goodbye forever.

Bambi (Bosley) Noble - June 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Mr. Baron was my 4th grade teacher at Garfield Elementary. I hope his family knows that he touched the lives of so many students over the years who remember him fondly. He was one of my favorite teachers - my thoughts are with his family.

Karin (Greenlee) Vogt - June 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ jennifer tim and eric i was saddened to hear about your father ,my teacher and friend when i think of your dad it brings back alot of great memories for me i had him for fourth grade at garfield school and sixth at lincoln and i really hadnt seen him much after that and then when i graduated from high scool in 1987 the secretary at my school called me to the office and said ihad mail it was a picture of me and some classmates on a field trip with your dad it was so cool and made my day and it made me feel very special that he mailed me that i wanted to share that memory with you guys .i will pray for you all and god bless your family at this time. shawna

shawna jesse (macmaster) - June 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ Janie, my prayers and thoughts are with you, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. He was a good man, I had the pleasure of working with him 30 hears ago when I started working the for the Tribe's education department. A gentle man who always had time to explain and say an encouraging word.  
May God and the memories of the years you and Jim shared comfort you, Janie.  
Carolyn O'Neil

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**Carolyn O'Neil** - June 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ There will never be another man like Jim. The first thing that came out of my mouth when I went over to my grandma's house was "Where's Jim?". He was the easiest person to talk to. I'll always remember in 6th grade when I was getting teased by other students he would take me in the hallway and talk to me, or when I worked the graveyard shift at a gas station he would come in from time to time and just sit there and talk to me for hours. He always believed in me, even though I could never live up to what he thought of me. My brother put it best when he said he's part of the Homminga family, and will be missed.

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**Jason Homminga** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Thankyou all for the support during these hard times.My father will be missed by all.

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**Timothy P. Baron** - June 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Our sincere sympathy on the loss of someone so special. Jim was a talented man and exemplary teacher. We especially admired his linguistic and musical abilities. He touched many lives, and was a most esteemed colleague.

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**Alvin and Dixie Picotte** - June 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mr. Baron's legacy lives on in the halls of Lincoln School. There are many great memories from the days of elementary school. To all of the family, I hope that your memories bring peace to you during this hard time.

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**Becky Mills** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ We will say a prayer at the center for both of you and his family

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**Cub and Mary McKerchie** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ To Jims Loved Ones, I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a very kind and caring man who will be missed. He was so good to my sons he will never be forgotten. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. You have our deepest sympathy. Linda Hirt and Family, and James Rogers

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**Linda Hirt** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Jennifer and family, please know that you are in my thoughts during this time. Mr Baron was my 4th grade teacher at Garfield elementary. I will never forget him or his goalie stick.  
God Bless!  
Denise

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**Denise Muckelbauer** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Janie-Please accept your heartfelt condolences for the loss of Jim. He will live on in the memories of those of us who saw him as a big old teddy bear whose devotion to you was evident each time he looked at you.

We will pray for him and for you and your family during this difficult time for strength and courage to move on.

Vicky Johndrow  
Selina, Bryan, & Mitchell McLean

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**Vicky Johndrow** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ I remember Jim as a very caring man- who never forgot his students. He was my 4th grade & 6th grade school teacher at Garfield school. I was very sad to hear of his passing, My thoughts are with the family!!

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**Maxine Anderson** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Erik, Jen, Tim & kids: You are always in our thoughts and prayers but especially at this most difficult time. Know that Mike & I are always here for you. We are just a phone call away.

*Donna is unable to be with you at this time but sends her thoughts and prayers.*

*Love & God bless always,  
Mike, Terrie, Russel, Tammy, Faith, Shawn, Val, Addison, Donna, & Nick.*

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**Mike & Terrie Disch** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Jane. We have you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**DeWayne & Susan Butterworth** - June 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ To all of the Baron "kids":

*My deepest sympathy to all of you during this sad time. Your dad will be missed by many. Keep memories of him close - they will help get you thru. Please know you are all in my thoughts.*

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**Kathy (Campbell) McDowell** - June 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM