



William J. Blazina

May 20, 2011

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Age 89

Caspian, MI

Died Friday, May 20, 2011 at Iron County Medical Care Facility, Crystal Falls.

Born April 15, 1922 in Caspian

The son of the late John and Francis Blazina attended the Caspian and Stambaugh schools, graduating from Stambaugh High School in 1939.

William worked on the ore boats on the Great Lakes to earn money for his college education. He then attended Northern Michigan University and obtained his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Education. He taught school in lower Michigan, Crystal Falls, and twenty five years in the Chassell School System. He was a beloved and devoted teacher. Following his retirement, he returned to Caspian and to all the friends that he loved.

William was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church of Caspian and a member of the Caspian Progressive Men.

William had a great sense of humor. His favorite past time was visiting with his many friends, playing his opera music, reading and walking.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Tony, Joseph and sisters, Anne, Jennie, Antonia and Tilly.

He is survived by two nephews, one great nephew and special friends Richard, Susan, and Sandy Sundquist.

Memorial Services will be held Thursday June 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Caspian, with Rev. Norman Clisch to offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment: Stambaugh Cemetery, Iron River

Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.

Tribute Wall

CL

“ I came to Chassell School in 1968 after my father retired from the military. Mr. "B" was my English teacher! He made me feel comfortable in his classroom and he had a wonderful sense of humor. After I graduated in 1971 I would see Mr. B walking in Chassell and we would always have great talks. I will always remember him as a great teacher and great friend!

Chris Lauluma - June 09, 2011 at 02:17 PM

CA

“ Mr. B was the kind of teacher that you remembered for a lifetime ... and in a good way. He was a great teacher and a sweet man that will be missed by all. I'm sure he will continue to play his classical music in heaven.

Carol Phillips Argentati - June 06, 2011 at 11:44 AM

PO

“ Mr. "B" was a teacher of mine as well as a family friend. My mother ironed his shirts and made all the rag rugs Mr. "B" had in his home. He always put together the most beautiful rugs. I learned to enjoy classical music in his class and he was always very particular about the grammer and spelling. He was very caring and kind. Many memories that will last forever.

Paula K. Soumis Olson - June 03, 2011 at 07:59 PM

RJ

“ I'll never forget Mr. B! I graduated in 1978 from Chassell High School and have spoken of him fondly over the years. I do want to say - that I'm sorry Kathy and I passed notes in English class!!! Having such a large presense about him, but such a gentle man. Bless You Mr. B.

Renee Johnson - June 03, 2011 at 04:43 PM

EU

“ Mr. B was a very charismatic man. He was a great teacher with so much passion in his work. His literature and music was an inspiration to me. God Bless your soul in heaven Mr. B!

Eugene - June 03, 2011 at 08:45 AM

JS

“ Mr. B was surely an inspiration to us all. His unique way of teaching will always be remembered. I often reminisce with my kids about him, I wish he was here to teach them a thing or two about spelling and grammar! Many fond memories will last forever.

Jason Stromer - June 02, 2011 at 11:42 AM

PT

“ Mr. B was a great teacher. I hated literature but loved him as a teacher. He was very unique. After I moved out of town we communicated through letter writing, knowing him as an adult. We had similar childhoods and we talked about it often. I am so glad to have had him as a teacher and got to know him as a person. Blessings to his family.

Patty Vial Taylor - June 02, 2011 at 08:48 AM