



## Julius LeRoy Bugai

April 28, 1940 - August 10, 2019

Julius LeRoy Bugai, Jr., 79, a lifelong resident of Cedar, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2019 at his home in Cedar.

Julius was born on Sunday, April 28, 1940 to the late Helen Marguerite (Kroupa) and Julius Leonard Bugai in Traverse City. He attended and graduated from Traverse City Schools. He worked as a welder, and later worked in construction and was known as an amazing builder. In recent years, Julius was a custom butcher, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Being one who preferred to be in the out of doors, Julius enjoyed gardening, fishing and hunting. He enjoyed Cheyenne cigars and was an avid fan of chocolate milk, chocolate cake with chocolate frosting, and maybe even some chocolate syrup over the top! His family will always remember him as an extremely kind man with a huge heart.

Julius is survived by his best friend and buddy, Squirt, his children, Susan (Robert) Hall of Battle Creek, Martin Bugai of Oshkosh, WI, Yvonne Bugai of Traverse City, Karen Hoogerhyde of Sparta and Kathleen (Chad) Braden of Grand Ledge; his grandchildren, Darian Weaver, Margaret Hall, Sophia Bugai, Austin Bugai-Edwards, Kenneth Hoogerhyde, Jarrett Hoogerhyde, Adrienne Holmes, Ellery Holmes, Hailey Braden and Jax Braden and great grandchildren Eli Weaver and Adaline Weaver. Julius is also survived by his siblings, Carolyn (Eugene) Lautner, Donald (Susan) Bugai, Linda (Louie) Walters and Nancy Miles, along with many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother in law, John Miles.

A time to visit and gather with Julius' family will take place at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, August 18, with a time of sharing at 1 p.m. Following the visitation, friends and family are invited to the home for a continued time of celebrating Julius' life.

Because Julius enjoyed dogs and the out of doors, memorial contributions in his memory may be directed to The Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Rd., Traverse City, MI 49696 ([www.cherrylandhumane.org](http://www.cherrylandhumane.org)) or to the National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Dr., Reston, VA 20190 ([www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)).

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation for Family and Friends** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home

305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**AUG** **Time of Sharing** 01:00PM

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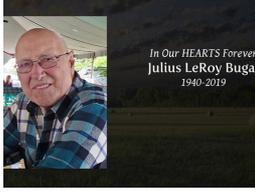
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# Comments

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“ An external video has been added.



**Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - August 17, 2019 at 09:26 PM

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“ My dad was so kind, he opened his heart to me without hesitation and I will always be grateful we had so many good years as family.



**Susan Hall** - August 18, 2019 at 08:04 AM

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“ My first cousin Julius Bugai, Jr. was just a little over a year older than I am (he was born on 28 April 1940, I was born on 5 May 1941).

I was closer to him than the rest of my ten siblings, I would imagine. I was in the same grade that he was all through school (after I 'skipped' kindergarten).

I spent a lot of time talking to him during the Kroupa family reunion on Silver Lake in July, and he looked so good. I had been told that he was in poor health, and that his sister Nancy was living with him and taking care of him. So it is a bit of a shock to me that he died so soon.

I have submitted several photos that I have of the two of us from the 'olden' days (1942 - 1957) and a couple from the reunion in July 2019.

I didn't see Julius much after 1958 when we graduated from high school and I went off to Michigan State and then California.

Hope you enjoyed my little trip down 'Memory Lane' and my reflections on my cousin Julius who lived a quarter mile up the road during our younger days.

Barbara Kroupa Ayotte Levine

Barbara Kroupa Levine - August 16, 2019 at 10:39 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album Memories of Julius by Barbara Kroupa Levine



Barbara Kroupa Levine - August 16, 2019 at 10:32 AM

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“ My Father Butch Sheffer always thought the world of Julius. He was a great man. We lost another Great Man. RIP Julius. Sorry for your loss—will keep you all in our prayers and thoughts.

John Sheffer - August 12, 2019 at 09:43 PM

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“ My heartfelt condolences go out to you Kate and the rest of the Bugai family. May you all hold on to the memories that you have of him.  
Prayers, Eileen Hubbell Olson

**Eileen** - August 11, 2019 at 02:03 PM