



Colman Findlay

September 18, 1926 - June 11, 2015

Colman (Coley) Findlay, 88, of Boulder Junction, died peacefully June 11, 2015 in Minocqua.

Born September 18, 1926 in Whitewater, WI, Coley was a Veteran of WWII. He married Katy (Kathleen May) Wiemer on April 19, 1948. His wife, Katy, married 67 years and their six children survive him. Christine (Dennis) Reuss, James Findlay, Janice (Robert) Aiken, Barbara Findlay, Charles (Sandi) Findlay and Michael Findlay. Grandchildren include Matthew (Elizabeth) Reuss, Laura (Kyle) Cronan, Nicholas (Amy) Findlay, Anna (Latham) Linstedt, Jake (Alyssa) Findlay, Andrew Findlay, Brian Findlay, and seven great-grandchildren.

Coley established a long and successful career in Burlington, WI as owner and entrepreneur of Burlington Truck Rental. He had an avid interest in snowmobiling and in the earliest days of the sport, he was considered a pioneer in trail blazing. He and a team of fellow adventurers traveled from Green Bay, Wisconsin to Yellowstone National Park, nearly 2,200 miles via snowmobile. In the early 70's there were no trails or guide maps to follow.

This adventuresome spirit lead Coley to work as a promotional spokesman and trailblazer on behalf of the sport. His wife, Katy, joined in with enthusiasm. They relocated to UP NORTH, Boulder Junction, Wisconsin and volunteered

countless hours to the sport and local snowmobile clubs. They frequently lead snowmobile excursions and have had their miles driven via snowmobile recorded and authenticated. To date, their combined miles have reached nearly 500,000! Coley's snowmobile adventures were chronicled in countless magazines and newspaper articles including his successful rides over open water.

For their effort in the sport, both Coley and Katy were inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in 1999 and in 2006 Coley was inducted into the Snowmobile Hall of Fame, St. Germain, WI.

A Celebration of Life memorial will be held in Boulder Junction, Monday, July 13, 2015 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Boulder Junction.

Visitation will be held at St. Anne at 10:00 AM. A Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM and a luncheon will follow at the Boulder Junction Community Center. There will be Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to St. Anne Church: P.O. Box 110, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Anne's Catholic Church
Boulder Junction, WI 54512

Funeral Mass

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *SHARE A MEMORY???* We had to stop for a moment and ask ourselves...Is there enough room on this site to "share a memory" of the greatest, friend, mentor and father-like man. we have ever had the privilege of knowing all these years???

Doubt it!! Mr. Findlay... Are you really gone?? We doubt it! This coming July 13th, we will gather, as family and friends to "Celebrate YOUR life". Oh and what a life!! We miss your stories of days gone by, we miss your hospitality, the sacrifices you made raising a family, we miss your jokes, we miss your precious smile, but most of all...We miss You and Her. Together. As One. For the simple reason that anyone that has had the honor to know you and Katy, understands.... that you WERE both ONE !!!! Without her, you were alone in spirit and without you...she was alone in love. You Were TRULY ONE. You know she will be with you again and so will we. We do Thank God that during our journey here on earth, that we met Chris & Dennis, if not,.. we would have never of known you and Katy and your family. We also give great tribute to our special friends, Wayne and Shirley, thank you for letting us into the "Coley and Katy Club". What an honor. You have been friends to them..... beyond the meaning of friends. Without you both, we would have never had the opportunity to experience the true meaning of "FRIENDS:.

To the family: We are sure that you feel the same way as us and that your life has forever been molded by the greatest man, Son Of Our Father, And Our Friend. We pray for you during these sad times.

Katy, make sure you have on your dancing shoes on when we see you up there with him.

Mr. C ????

WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU AND AT THE END OF THE DAY... THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. LOVE, PURE LOVE.

Randy & Sue

Kisses To You.

SUSAN DOMRES - July 09, 2015 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Katy, we are so sorry for your loss. You and Coley were the BEST neighbors EVER!!!! We will miss him dearly!*

*The Towne's
Matt, Sara, Mya, Aaron, Peyton and Katherine*

Sara J Towne - June 22, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Aunt Katy and all my cousins, I am so sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Wishing you strength and peace during this difficult time. Coley always made the gathering extra lively and fun. He will be missed. Is there anything we can do to help? Love,
Nancy*

Nancy Andritsch - June 15, 2015 at 09:29 PM