



## Ernest "Bill" Niemi

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Bill Niemi graced our community for over 85 years. He was born in the town of Knox, near Brantwood, WI, however lived his entire life in Minocqua. He graduated from both Minocqua Grade School and Minocqua High School then in the same building which is now our town community center.

Married to Velma for 52 years. Together they had 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren (plus another great grandchild on the way). Bill and Velma were both local business owners, enjoyed travel in their retirement years to California, Arizona and Florida and always included their children and grandchildren in everything they did.

Children: Sandra (& Mike) Trapp, Gary Niemi and Greg (& Wendy) Niemi.  
Grandchildren: Ryan (& Michelle) Trapp and Stacy (& Scott) Walworth. Great Grandchildren: Zoe, Vivian, Ava & Quincey Trapp. Kaiden and Brayden Walworth.

Preceded in death by his wife Velma, father Ernest, mother Martha and brother Eugene.

Bill served both our country and our community. He served in the Navy during WWII and Korean wars. Bill owned Minocqua Auto Service, the Hudson, Nash, Rambler, AMC car and International truck dealership. Velma, and daughter Sandy, owned Vacationland Togs, Village Original's and Ryan's Lunchbox all of which were on the main street of Minocqua.

Bill was active all his life in the local Legion post (past commander), the Fire Dept. (past Assistant Chief & Fire Inspector) and was instrumental in the founding of the Rescue Squad (he was also filmed in the national training film "Before the Emergency").

He loved to tell stories of his times "back in the day". He loved the Minocqua area. But he really loved his family. He was always surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

What we know is it takes a village to raise a child. What we have also learned is that it takes a community to care for an elder. We thank you for watching over our dad, Bill, and know he is reunited with our mother and is now watching over all of us.

The memorial service will be held at Bolger Funeral Home - Minocqua Chapel on Friday, February 17th. Visitation with family and friends beforehand from 4:30 to 5:30, brief memorial service 5:30 to 6:00 and reception to immediately follow. On-line condolences may be shared with the family at [www.bolgerfuneral.com](http://www.bolgerfuneral.com).

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Bill Niemi Memorial Fund, c/o U.S. Bank, P.O. Box, 787, 401 Oneida Street, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Proceeds from this fund will be given to Bill's favorite organizations of Howard Young Medical Center, the American Legion Post 89, Minocqua Fire Department / Rescue Squad and other local community based organizations.



# Tribute Wall

CD

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss seeing your dad at the grocery store and sharing old stories. Bill always had a story about Chris' mom or dad to share. God bless you.

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**Chris & Nancy Dobrinski** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

JW

“ Sorry for your lose. It was always fun talking to Bill at Trapp Bros. shop on Old 51 about things back in the day and anything else that came up. He will be missed.

*John & Donna Wegner*

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**John Wegner** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

ND

“ Hi All,  
Bill will be missed by everyone that knew him. Such a kind, gentle soul. He is now with the love of his life!  
Love,  
Art and Nancy

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**Nancy and Art Dellenger** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

GA

“ I grew up with Bill as a mentor to me. While I was never a member of the "South Side Businessmans club", as my father was, I would have appreciated all of his stories. He was a wonderful person to know in my younger years.  
God Bless.  
Gene

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**Gene Anderson** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

DM

“ My husband and daughter and I have had the pleasure of knowing the Neimi family for close to 30 years, through a wonderful friendship of Bill's son-Greg. We have experienced a lot of great memories (the Milw Mile races) and many great times in Minocqua, and MN. What a wonderful family, and what great memories. Bill could sure tell and story or two. Will surely be missed.... Prayers to the family, and god bless you all.  
The Moyle Family

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**Diane Moyle** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

DJ

“ Sandy, Mike and families,  
Our deepest sympathy is sent to your family. Know that a lot of people are including you all in their prayers.

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**David and Susan Jaster** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

PW

“ We would love to see him at the Grandchildrens birthday parties. How much he loved to be there. You would see the glow in his eyes and the smile on his face.What a blessing.Bill you will be sadly missed. It was an honor to meet you.  
Dee and Phil Walworth Waukesha WI

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**Phil & Dee Walworth** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

SF

“ Let the tears happen.  
-Endure, Grieve and Remeber your father the way you you loved him!! So sorry for your Loss Greg. Thinking of all of you today and always.

*Susan Freybler*

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**Susan Freybler** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

HK

“ *Mr. Niemi was such a wonderful man, always with a smile. We thank him for selling us our lot which gave us the blessing of becoming dear, dear friends with Sandy and Mike and families. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family on their lost of the precious man.*

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**Harvey and Kay Kinderman** - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM