



John M. Bednar

August 13, 1937 - April 5, 2008

John M. Bednar, 70, a resident for 45 years of Warren, Michigan, passed away Saturday, April 5, 2008 in his home surrounded by his immediate family. He was born August 13, 1937, in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Bednar, retired after working 39 years for the Detroit Newspaper Association. A graduate of high school, he served a four year tour duty in the U.S. Navy. He battled a chronic lung disease for the past several years and more than anything, he lived for his ten (10) grandchildren, who brought him unmeasurable joy and happiness. Before his illness, he had a passion for golf, gardening, reading, and playing bingo.

He is survived by his first and only love of his life, his wife Jeanette; daughter Lisa (Thomas) Olow; daughter Lorri (Norman) Cary; son, Michael (Lisa) Bednar; and Michael (Marie) Magyar, who was considered a son; grandchildren Jenna, Jessica, Thomas, Melanie, Elizabeth and John Olow; Lauren, Joseph, Dominic and Nadia Bednar, all who called him "Papa"; sister, Mary (Christine) Miller; and many extended family members and friends.

Previous Events

Service

APR 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mike and Family,*

We're sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He sounded like a very industrious and active man. I'm sure he was an inspiration to be around. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Bill and Bobbie##imported-begin##Bill and Bobbie
Cleary##imported-end##*

April 10, 2008 at 10:43 AM



“ *I too was a News carrier and later a station captain at S139 for Mr. B, as we called him. He had a way of keeping us in line and letting us have our fun. I can still hear him saying 'you crummy kids!', with great affection of course. He was a great man to work for.*

I was very saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

*Rest in peace Mr. B.##imported-begin##John
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April 09, 2008 at 08:33 PM



“ Jeanette, Lisa, Lorri & Michael. I am truly sorry for your loss. I was a station captain @ s139. I had several different news routes for over 6 years in the middle 80s. At a time in my life when I was busy doing everything I shouldn't have been doing. Disputing with teachers, arguing with parents, avoiding adults and role models in general. As well as finding myself in more trouble than I like to remember. John Bednar was one of the few and only adults I could see eye to eye with. I recall him taking the time out to have a cup of hot chocolate with me and point me in the right direction. I also remember him on several occasions taking the news carriers out to Buddys. I remember him wrapping easter eggs in tinfoil and certain ones had money in them. I recall him helping out tremendously in aiding me and several other news carriers. Threw the sales of subscriptions to the Detroit News. I, and several other neighborhood kids traveled across the country to TX. Flo. Cal. Washington. Even the Bahamas. We were barely teenagers and we got to travel all over seeing the world with neighborhood friends. During these contests when we would run into dry spells or had trouble with sales Mr. Bednar would give us some subscriptions that were called in. He told us what Streets/Apartments to hit and even suggested certain houses. He pulled many strings and did far more than bend the rules to see to it that any good kid who put a good effort into trying to win the contest ended up getting on that plane.

I regret that I cant find the words to complement him enough. To some news carriers he was more than just a station manager.##imported-begin##Eric Swensen##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 06:06 PM



“ Mike Bednar & Family- Our condolences for you and your family during this time of loss. It is very comforting to know that his loved ones were by his side when the time came.##imported-begin##Jitesh and Asha Desai##imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 12:39 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the entire Bednar family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.

Thank you.

John Mola##imported-begin##John Mola##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 10:10 PM



“ As I grew up John was a man of his word and gave me many of chances over the years and that helped me grow to be the man that I am. I send my best wishes to the family.##imported-begin##Paul Swensen##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 07:05 PM



“ Lori,

Don't know what to say. I am sooo sorry for your lost. if there's anything I can do, you know you can call anytime.

Love ya',

Terry##imported-begin##Terrence W. Fyock##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 04:27 PM



“ Jeanette, Lisa, Lorri & Michael,

Our sons, David, Paul & Eric had daily contact with John for a good number of years. And, I often visited with John while participating with the boys.

John's 50th Birthday Party at Shield's on Chicago, or perhaps it is 13 mile by Van Dyke is a special memory.

John had a quality profile. One example was his continued support of the Delivery Boys. He acted as a buffer between the News and the Boys. And he certainly leaned towards the boys when the customers complained. I'm certain that John's support has been remembered and highly regarded by most all the News Carriers he managed.

Warmest Regards,

Dick Swensen##imported-begin##Richard D. (Dick) Swenen##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ My condolences to the family##imported-begin##Hans Kuehner##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 03:43 PM



“ I am deeply sorry to hear of the loss of your father,husband, grandfather and friend for life. I know words could not begin to comfort you at a time like this. May you find some solace in the wonderful memories of him.##imported-begin##Suzanne Stanczyk##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 03:28 PM



“ Mike -

My condolences for you and your family during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Herb Williams##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 02:17 PM



“ Sorry for your loss##imported-begin##Niraj K Varshney##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 11:02 AM



“ Mike I was so sorry to read of your fathers passing. I just wanted to let you know we all enjoyed his halloween display as children. We could not wait to go past your house.Keep all those fond memories with you it will help you get through these fought times. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Beth Polens Walker##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 10:56 AM



“ Mike,

I am truly sorry to hear about your father. My prayers are with for strength in this difficult time. I have unfortunately had two very close losses last year; it is only through the support and strength of those close to your heart that we can get through these times. Wishing you and your family peace.

Jeffrey Binns##imported-begin##Jeffrey Binns##imported-end##

April 08, 2008 at 07:43 AM



“ G.M. Shreveport##imported-begin##Ken & Paula Brown##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 08:07 PM



“ Mike Bednar and Family-
I'm sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in my prayers during this time of grief.

Sincerely,
Kathy Chappell###imported-begin###Kathy Chappell###imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 05:11 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Michael Kabalka###imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 04:22 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Mike. As you know, my father passed just last year. It is a very tough thing to handle, so take some time to get your feet under you and keep the faith. They are both in a better place now.###imported-begin###Mike McLean###imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 04:18 PM



“ Mike,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. It must be comforting to you that he got his wish and you all were there at the end. I hope you will let me know if there is anything that I can do.###imported-begin###Jason Handy###imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 04:11 PM



“ Mike and family,

I was very sorry to hear of your loss. John sounded like a great man from the obituary, you are lucky to have known him. I will keep him, and you in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Mark Hebert##imported-begin##Mark Hebert##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 04:09 PM



“ Mine and my family's thought will be with you and yours during this time of sorrow and healing. The fact that your father's final wishes came true can be a comfort to you all.##imported-begin##Dale Morrison##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 04:01 PM



“ Condolence from the Brazilian team.##imported-begin##Orlando Rodrigues##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ I read with great sadness today that Mr. Bednar has passed away. He was my district manager for many years when I was a paper girl, back in a time when a girl who delivered papers was rare. I was the only girl at Mr. Bednar's station for quite some time and I remember him as the nicest man. He always delivered my papers to my door every day even though everyone else had to pick them up, and when I would go to the station on Sundays he always treated me with such kindness. I have often thought of him through the years and wanted to thank him for taking a chance on me and giving me my first job as an 11 year old girl. I am deeply saddened.##imported-begin##Jennifer Illsley Carrier##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 03:22 PM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family!##imported-begin##Mike and Mary Glenn##imported-end##

April 07, 2008 at 03:07 PM