



Norman "Dick" L Bope

July 11, 1940 - November 30, 2020

HAMLET- Norman L. "Dick" Bope of Hamlet passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020 in

Northwest LaPorte Hospital following a short battle with Covid-19. He was born on July 11, 1940 in Clinton Township, LaPorte County to the late William and Gertrude (Robbins) Bope and was 80 years-old at the time of his death.

Dick lived in the area his entire life and on November 26, 1960 in Walkerton he married the love of his life, the late Peggy Williams. He was a veteran of the US Navy, a member of the Davis Wesleyan Church, owner and sole operator of Dick's Furs, a member of the North American Fur

Association and the American Coon Hunters Association. He was an avid supporter of the O-D Lady Cats Basketball team. Above all, Dick was a very outgoing man who never met a stranger and loved to "hold court" in his dog shop.

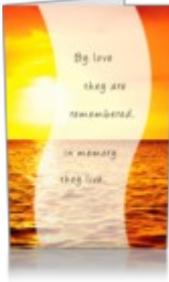
Dick is survived by one son Patrick of Hamlet; one daughter Vicki (Tom) Vannette of Hamilton, MI; two granddaughters Spencer and Jessica; one brother Perry (Edna) Bope of North Judson; one sister Betty Vogel of Knox, and a plethora of nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic Dick has been cremated. A Celebration of Life Service and burial of his ashes will take place when restrictions have been lifted.

Comments



“ Aaron R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Norman "Dick" L Bope.



Aaron R. - December 07, 2020 at 11:47 AM



“ Oh, where do I begin... Uncle Dick will forever have a special place in my and my family's hearts and memories. There are certain "characters" that are just that, characters, and Uncle Dick was certainly one of those! I will always remember the passion for fishing both Dick and I had. I can recount numerous stories but perhaps the most memorable one was on the Yellow River with Dick, Peggy, and Grandma Vogel/Betts. While leaning over, I believe to clean her line, Grandma fell head first into the river. Knowing she couldn't swim I was panicked and threw the anchor out so boat wouldn't float away from her. I think Uncle Dick said, "Oh Betty; what happened!" and just when we were ready to jump in the river to provide assistance we finally realized the water was shallow in this area and Grandma had only to stand up! Fear and concern quickly turned into a comedic moment! Uncle Dick will be missed and I'll cherish the memories.

Aaron Rausch - December 07, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ The Bope family has long been intertwined with the Saylor family. Dick will be missed. Pat and Vickie... sorry for the loss of your father.

Eurrat Saylor, - December 06, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Had many a good time with Peggy, Dick and Vicky. Wonderful people and all who knew Peggy and Dick have many good memories.

Cindy Peters - December 05, 2020 at 09:54 PM



“ Love and prayers to the Bope family from Harvey Leed and family. We are so very sorry to hear the loss of such a great man. Harvey sends his greatest sympathy, followed by many great memories of Coon hunting stories, and great visits with Dick.

Autumn Leed - December 06, 2020 at 12:56 AM



“ Jennifer & Rick Holden lit a candle in memory of Norman "Dick" L Bope



Jennifer & Rick Holden - December 05, 2020 at 01:59 AM



“ We will miss your stories & your humor! I will miss seeing you & having "shine" in my coffee! I will miss you sharing family history with us & I will miss sending you cards & letters. I know you & Aunt Peg are together again & have reunited with family in Heaven. I just wish I could have seen you one more time; I will miss you Uncle Dick. Rest In Peace.
Jennifer

Jennifer & Rick Holden - December 05, 2020 at 02:04 AM



“ He was a good neighbor. Always friendly and talkative and willing to help anybody with anything. I can remember fishing in his pond and watching him and my dad skin raccoons.

Suzanne Pryor - December 04, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Dick always greeted you with a smile and never forgot your name. I always loved hearing the stories of when he, Peggy, my dad, and my dad were dating and running around together. Rest in Peace my friend.

DWRinger - December 04, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ I remember Dick from the time he was young. He would go hunting with my dad, Ernie Golding. They both loved coon hunting.
Your family has my deepest sympathy for your loss.
Sincerely, Susan Golding Rowles

Susan Rowles - December 04, 2020 at 12:48 PM