



Al Ziehm

July 18, 1934 - July 18, 2012

Al "Ritchie" Ziehm, 78, of 901 West Sagola Avenue in Kingsford, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, July 18, 2012.

Al was born March 20, 1934 in Crystal Falls, moving to Iron Mountain at an early age. He was a graduate of Iron Mountain High School.

He married the former Gaylyn Tirschel Loar on June 27, 1970 at Trinity United Methodist Church, and the couple recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Al proudly served in the U.S. Army in Trieste, Italy, during the Korean conflict. Upon his return stateside, he worked for several years in Chicago at the Ford Motor Company, Automatic Electric, and Koffman Tool & Engineering, becoming a proficient tool and die maker, before joining the Chicago Police Department in 1961.

He returned to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area with his family in 1966, working first at Eagle Tool and then for the U.S. Postal Service. He spent 27 years with the U.S.P.S., retiring in 1992 as Postmaster of Athelstane, WI.

Al enjoyed playing pinochle, ice fishing, and spending time at his hunting camp with his dogs. He was also an avid bowler and golfer. He was a member of Oak Crest Golf Club.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kelly Loar; his mother, Elvirra Ziehm; his brothers, Marvin, Eugene, and Lyle Ziehm; his mother- and father – in- law, Faye and James Tirschel; his brother-in-law Michael Tirschel; and two

sisters-in-law, Peggy and Elaine Ziehm.

Al is survived by his beloved wife, Gaylyn; his daughter, Carla (George) Anderson of Kingsford; his three sons, Richard (Anne) Ziehm of Bellevue, Nebraska; Darryl Ziehm of Appleton, Wisconsin; and Kyle (Amy) Ziehm of Iron Mountain; ten grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Lois Machus of Kingsford; a sister-in-law, Florence Ziehm of Highland, Indiana; many nieces and nephews, including Judy and Bert Potat of St. John, Indiana and Debbie and Dave McGuire of Williamston, Michigan.

Al always had a smile on his face and a funny story to tell. He could build or fix almost anything and was always eager to be of help to his friends and neighbors. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his family and his many friends.

Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 23 at the Erickson, Rochon & Nash funeral home. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service in the fellowship hall at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Condolences to the family of Al Ziehm may be expressed online at www.ernasfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **23**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Our family said prayers for Uncle Ritchie at mass this evening and are comforted in knowing that he is now in heaven, reunited with so many family members and friends who have preceded him. He WILL be missed. I am grateful to have had him for my uncle for all these years; it has meant a lot to me and our whole family. I know that when Ryan plays golf this week, he will be thinking of Uncle Ritchie and his love for the game, wishing that they had the opportunity to have played together one more time. Although there is sadness, there is also thankfulness for the good times that were shared. Uncle Ritchie lives on in our memories and in the hearts of those whom have been impacted by his life. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of God amongst family and friends who welcomed him home.

Debbie McGuire - Niece - July 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gaylyn and Families, I am so shocked to read of Al's passing. You have our most sincere sympathy in your loss of this great man. I enjoyed working with and knowing him for over 40 year's. Rest in Peace my friend. You have been relieved of your duties here on earth, thank you for your service.
Now you can join another great Army, led by a Great Leader.

Richard Dabb - Coconut Creek, FL - Family Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Gaylyn,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your husband Al. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May God Bless You and Bring You Peace

Carol Famiani - Chicago, IL - Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Al always had a smile on his face and made you feel special. Joyce and I would walk past his house everyday and he would say have a Great Day folks. He not only was a friend, but he was special at work at the US Postal Service and as Postmaster. Any time you wanted something done Al would do it with a smile.*

We will miss him very much. We will pray for him and his family.

Unfortunatley Joyce and I will be out of State moving our son into his new house and fixing it up.

Love

Ron and Joyce Wilinski

Ron and Joyce Wilinski - Kingsford, MI - Friend - July 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM