



Aldine Craft

January 29, 1921 - June 5, 2011

Aldine Harding Craft, 90, of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2011, at Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

He was born on Jan. 29, 1921, in Shawmut, Ala., son of the late Arthur and Carrie (Edwards) Craft. He was educated in the Shawmut Schools and worked in the cotton mills.

His army career began at age 17 1/2. Aldine's military service included Fort Benning, Ga., Camp Grant, Ill. and Camp McCoy, Wis.; the 156th General Hospital at Hereford, England and Army infantry service in Europe during World War II. Five years later, he served with the infantry in Korea and later at Lenggries, Germany at Headquarters Center as first sergeant.

Aldine was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion of Iron Mountain. During his many years with the Loyal Order of Moose, he served in many capacities including past governor, North Moose of the Legion of the Moose 127 and in 1985, received the Pilgrim Degree Merit at Mooseheart, Ill. He continued as a member of the Norway Lodge.

Aldine loved sports, especially baseball. He was a fan of the Atlanta Braves, Detroit Tigers and the many past baseball teams of Ashland, Wis. and Iron Mountain. He has resided in Kingsford since 1955, having been the first

employee of St. George Glass Co. After Mr. St. George's death, Aldine worked for other glass companies in Wisconsin and Michigan. He ended his working career after retiring in 1983 from Grede Foundry.

Aldine is survived by his wife of 65 years, Adeline whom he married in October 1945; two daughters, Sandra Franklin of Fort Meyers, Fla. and Paula Lacy of Crystal Falls; his son, Aldine Jr. (Janice) Craft of Eatonton, Ga.; sister, Marge Hendry of Jonesboro, Ga.; grandchildren, Cy Lacy, Chad Lacy, James (Kari) Franklin and Jessica Franklin-Dosis; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, one sister and a son-in-law, James Franklin.

Graveside services for friends and family will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Aldine Craft online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Homes of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Paula, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a great guy. Mom and dad also send their sympathy.* ”

Linda Noss - Florence, SC - Friend - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I am sure you have many fond memories with Aldine. My late husband was a Pilgrim and I know what the degree meant to him as it did to Mr. Craft. I recently moved to California from Michigan and my thoughts and prayers are with your family.* ”

Carole Bouchard - Phillips Ranch, , CA - Moose Friend - June 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Rest in peace my PaPaw.* ”

Kristy Craft - Granddaughter - June 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Hello Sandi and to your mom and family ,
So very sorry Sandi to read of your loss of your dad .

*Thinking of you Sandi , my childhood friend and sending love and
Gods blessings to you and your family in Kinsgford .*

*I do remember your dad and mom when we all lived in the big old
tall apartment building , we lived across the hall from you , around
1958-59 .*

*God Bless ,
Judy Rice Koch , in Spokane wa.*

**Judy Rice Koch - Spokane , Wash . , WA - Childhood friend of Sandi - June 10,
2011 at 12:00 AM**

KC

“ Dearest Paula, (and family), You have my deepest empathy and sympathy on the loss of your father...he was one of my faves. A real heck of a guy! He will be greatly missed by many. You all will be in my prayers. Remember, also to take care of yourself in this time of your loss...

I lost my Dad in '06 complications of Alzheimer's. I still miss him on a regular basis. The hardest part for me was watching my Dad go downhill so slowly.

Our Fathers are our "big strong men" in our lives. I think that's why it's so hard to watch them slip away on a daily basis. I miss my Dad always. We never get over a loss like that...we only learn to deal with it on a daily basis.

I firmly believe "The bigger they are, the harder they fall" applies to all of our strong Dad's, and men.

Once again, please remember to take good care of yourself at this grieving and stressful time...you must know that your Dad would have wanted that for you...You were very good to him; as I'm sure he was to you.

Kim Fraid - coworker/friend/ - June 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I am saddened by your loss of Al. I will always remember his dedication and kindness in helping others and volunteering for countless programs with the Moose lodge and other organisations. Also his friendship with my father {Edwin Jones} God Bless. John Jones

John Jones - Friend - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Mrs. Craft, Sandy, and Paula, WE are so sorry for your loss. I always called him Pinky. I was always welcomed into your family. Our paryers are with you and the family. Love Les and Diane

Diane Johnson Raboin - very dear friend - June 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Dear Paula,
I was sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Just wanted to let you know that I will always remember him taking us to the Moose Lodge for fish frys, then we would go to the Ben Franklin store and buy stupid little stuff. He was always so nice and friendly. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

kathie Goettler Campos - Friend of daughter Paula - June 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM