



## Archie Larson

March 6, 2010

IRON MOUNTAIN - Archie C. Larson, 84, of Iron Mountain, died Saturday March 6, 2010, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born Sept. 30, 1925, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Alfred and Clara (Jarstad) Larson. Archie was a lifelong resident of the area. He graduated from Kingsford High School and spent three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon being honorably discharged, he attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Archie sailed the Great Lakes for several years and worked on the ore boats.

Archie married the former Mary Spera in Norway on June 17, 1950, and she preceded him in death on March 9, 2008.

Archie was a boiler house operator at Kimberly Clark for 38 years before retiring in 1988. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 where he served as a former 2nd vice commander, and a former member of the Moose Lodge.

He also belonged to Partanen's Ringers Horseshoe Club and a former member of the Moose Lodge bowling team and Rice's Juice bowling team.

Archie was a dedicated veteran and volunteered at the VA Hospital and

volunteered for bingo and various activities at the legion. He loved hunting, camping, and gardening. He was an avid Packer, Tiger fan, and a diehard Flivver fan. He loved to go to Vegas and made several trips there with his son, Danny. Archie was a strong family man and a proud grandpa.

He is survived by one son, Daniel Larson of Iron Mountain; one daughter, Patti (David) McKee of Kingsford; two grandchildren, Matt McKee (Heather Schoen) and Marc McKee (Teresa Carr), all of Kingsford; one special cousin, Don (Donna) Larson of Alma Center, Wis. and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Gladys Senger and Helen Stamolis, and two infant sisters.

Funeral services will be Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial services will follow at Cemetery Park with full military honors.

A luncheon will follow at 2 p.m. at the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

Condolences to the family of Archie Larson may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ Patti,Dave,Danny,Matt,and Marc,I painfully feel your loss. But I'm certain that Dave, Jim, and Arch are all having that beer and "catching up" on good times. I'm also certain that "Ma" is right there telling him he's had enough beer and as much as he will be missed, I'm delighted that they are all there together having a wonderful reunion. He was so kind and I know you will all carry on in his likeness. Sending love and my condolences

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**Annie Barnes** - March 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I feel blessed to have been a small part of Archie's life in his last days. I enjoyed seeing his sweet smile every day. May God grant your family peace and ease your hearts. God Bless our Veterans, thank you for your service Archie!

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**Kara Millan** - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Patti,Danny,Dave,Matt and Marc, I know how much you love your Dad,Arch,Grandpa,Tatone and I know the huge hole his passing has left in your hearts. But I see in each of you a little piece of Archie. Patti you have his kind eyes that disappeared when he smiled.. Danny his ability to make you feel comfortable at first meeting.. Dave, like him, your a husband and father to be proud of.. Matt, his ability to make, fix and do just about anything and a fiercely loyal heart.. Marc, his kind heart and fun loving spirit. God bless all of you, I'm sending you huge hugs and if they allow beer in heaven I am sure that Archie Larson and Jim McKee will be sharing one and patting each other on the back for a job well done!

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**Pam McKee-Brown and boys** - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Patti & Family: Please accept my sincere sympathy regarding Arch's passing. May the warmth of remembering him fuel your days without him.*

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**Renee Swanson** - March 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *Patty and Dave and Dan and family,*

*So, so sorry to read that your dad has passed away. I know you will truly miss him. He was a great man, lots of laughs. He and you are so much alike, just look in the mirror and you'll see him. Charlie will keep you all in our thoughts, hearts and prayers. Take care and we'll see you in May. Love to you all.*

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**Sandie and Charlie Mitchem** - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *My sympathy on the loss of Father and grand father. I had the pleasure of working with Archie for many years at the Boiler House. Always enjoyed his company and the mill was fortunate to have him as an employee all those years. After his retirement I always enjoyed the opportunities to see him and always be greeted by his smile*

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**Bill Roberts** - March 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Can't begin to express the sadness I feel. Uncle Arch was like a father to me. I'll miss him dearly!  
Farewell, Uncle Arch. I will miss your good humor and warm heart.  
You kept it simple and got it right.  
Patti, Danny and family, Tom & I will keep you in our prayers  
Love you!*

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**Tom & Joanie** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dan, Patty, Dave and Family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your father, grandfather, and friend. Archie was a very good man and will be missed by many. Will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Jay & Sandy Goudreau

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**Jay Goudreau** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Nice man with a nice family. My condolences.

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**Michael Nokes** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Danny, I'm not sure you remember me, but we graduated together and hung out as younger kids. I just wanted to send my thoughts & prayers to you and your family. I just lost both my parents recently also so I know how hard this can be. It will get better though and just keep those great thoughts of all the great times together and it will be OK. Take Care, we'll keep you in or thoughts.....T.J.

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**tom johnson** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dan, Patty & family,

*You are in our thoughts and prayers for the loss of your dad, he was a nice man who always had a smile on his face. He will be missed by all who new him.*

*Mike & Debbie Floriano*

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**Mike & Debbie Floriano** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *DAN,PATTI,FAMILY,  
KEEPING YOU IN OUR THOGHTS AND PRAYERS.  
TOM AND SANDY N.*

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**ARCHIE LARSON** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Dan, Patty, and family,  
We offer our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father.*

*Dave & Mary Peters*

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**Dave Peters** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Patti, Dan and family, Our sincere sympathy on the loss of your  
father and friend.*

*Larry and Barbara Partanen*

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**Partanen** - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM