



## Bernard Gallino

March 16, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - Bernard L. "Bernie" Gallino, 82, of 1311 S. Kimberly Ave., Iron Mountain, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at his home.

Bernie was born Sept. 17, 1925, in Norway. He graduated from Vulcan High School in 1944. In his senior year of 1943, Bernie was drafted in the U.S. Army and his mother attended his high school graduation in 1944 to accept his diploma. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946 with the 9th Infantry Division 39th Regiment in the European Theater of War.

Bernie attended Michigan State University from 1946 to 1949. He began employment with the VA Hospital in Iron Mountain in 1950 and retired in 1989 as the chief of fiscal services. Two of his 39 years of employment with the VA were spent at the VA Hospital in Miles City, Mont.

Bernie married Mary Ellen Godin on Oct. 8, 1955, in Perkins, Mich. Bernie was a past volunteer probation officer, was a member of the Iron Mountain City Council for 12 years, served on his church parish council, and was secretary-treasurer of the Rotary Club. He currently was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church for 53 years, the DAV, Elks Club, and the Iron Mountain Housing Commission.

Bernie was a very avid gardener and loved spending the summer months

tending to his vegetable garden; producing each summer a bounty of tomatoes for family and friends. The biggest loves in his life were his family, attending his grandchildren's sporting events, and Green Bay Packer football games.

After attending his first Super Bowl in 1997 with his family, his parting words as he left the New Orleans Superdome were "I'll now die a happy man as I got to attend a Packer super bowl with my three children."

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Ellen; daughters, Mary (Tom) Wendt; Ann (Michael) Sokop, and son, Joe (Carol) Gallino; seven grandchildren, Jacob and Jackie Sokop, Heather, Lindsay, Sheena, Vincent, and Angelo Gallino; a sister, Frances Gray and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Secondo and Rose Gallino, brothers, Jack and Victor Gallino and sisters, Angeline Johnson and Jeanne Menapace.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, contributions or donations may be made to the Carmelite Monastery, or Marquette General Home Health and Hospice, in care of Mrs. MaryEllen Gallino, 1311 Kimberly Ave., Iron Mountain, Mich., 49801

Condolences to the family of Bernard L. "Bernie" Gallino may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Mrs. Gallino,  
I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and best friend. I was a cashier at Monette's and he would always come in for a morning paper and say well hello there my little neighbor or little friend. He was one of the nicest customers that ever came in. Every time I saw him he had a really big smile on his face, making me smile right along with him. I'm sure you have a lot of really special and great memories of Bernie. He had one of the best personalities and was always in good spirits. My prayers are with you.

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**Devon Rose** - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Mary Ellen,  
I have so many fond childhood memories of summers with Granpa & Granma and the Gallinos. Also Christmas celebrations when we would descend on Bernie's house and he was always so welcoming and gracious. I am especially in his debt for his families recipe for antipasto. I am happy that I had a chance to visit with the two of you last fall.

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**John & Georgia DeKeyser** - March 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Mrs. Gallino I was so sorry to hear about Bernie. What a nice man. He always had a smile and a kind word. What a wonderful memory for your family to have been able to attend the Super Bowl together. I'm sure you all have many wonderful memories of Bernie as a husband and father. I know I'll always remember him for his friendly personality...you might remember me as being "North Carolina". That's what Bernie used to call me when I waited on you at the T & T. I'll always smile when I think of him and I'm sure you all will to.

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**Nanette Sjoquist** - March 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Carol, Joe and Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Sheena, we hope it all worked out so you could make it back to Niagara. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dan, Roxy, Erica, and Sarah Isaacson** - March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Dear Mary Ellen and Family, Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Bernie. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sorry we can not be with you in this time of need. God Bless.  
Allan & Nancy Dighera

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**Allan & Nancy Dighera** - March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ Gallino family, what a wonderful legacy Bernie leaves. We have been blessed with knowing his grand daughter, Heather, and she is a good example of this rich legacy. His life was both full and fun. Bless you all. Wicklunds

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**Wicklunds** - March 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *Mary Ellen and family...*

*We saw the information about Bernie when Don pulled up the news on the internet tonight and are so sorry that we are such a long way away and can not be there with you.*

*We send our love and prayers and will be in touch again soon.*

*We love you.... Fran and Don*

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**Fran and Don** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM