



## Calvin M. Eyers

June 26, 1920 - April 16, 2015

Calvin M. Eyers, 94, of Iron Mountain, passed away at ManorCare in Kingsford on April 16, 2015. He was born June 26, 1920 in East Alton, Illinois to Charles and Mary (Taftezon) Eyers. He moved to Kingsford at the age of four and has been a resident of this area ever since. He graduated from Kingsford High School. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Amphibian Engineers and participated in 52 landings. His official assignment was as a drummer in an Army band that traveled throughout the south sea islands to entertain the troops. He returned to Iron Mountain after the war and opened Cal's Gifts and Toyland. In April 1951 he was hired by the VA hospital in Iron Mountain as the Canteen Manager and was employed there until his retirement in 1978. Cal married his devoted and loving wife, Joyce Pavey, on January 8, 1949.

Calvin and Joyce had three children, Coleen, Bill, and Cal Jr.; six grandchildren, Robert and Angela DeNamur, Gina Perkins, Jason, Brittany, and Jared (Sully) Eyers; and three great grandchildren, Dina Eyers, and Cayden and Liliana Perkins.

Cal enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and playing cards, especially Duplicate Bridge with his wife as his partner.

He belonged to the Pine Grove Country Club and was on the board of directors there, the Elks Club as a lifetime member, the UCT, and the Musician's Union.

Cal started teaching drums at the age of 14. He taught the Kingsford Drum and Bugle Corp at that time. He played with numerous bands. He retired from playing due to illness.

He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren along with his sister, Eloise Larsen, and many nieces and nephews.

Cal was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Ken and Don and sisters LaVerne Mongrain and Ila Joy DeWinter, and his father- and mother-in-law Ken and Margot Pavey.

Visitation will be Tuesday April 21, 2015 held from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Visitation will be followed by a service at 11:30 am at the funeral home. Rev. James Danielson will preside.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Calvin Eyers online at [www.erickson-rochon-nash.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nash.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

APR 21 (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Sorry to hear of Cals passing.  
He was my drum teacher. I remember walking from my house on Stockbridge across Kimberly one evening a week . I bought my dance band drum set from him.

*Fond memories*

*Barton Berg*

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**Barton Berg** - April 21, 2015 at 06:45 PM

SK

“ *Uncle Cal*  
*Kind, loving, generous,*  
*cheeky, playful, adventurous.*  
*Full of laughter, full of fun,*  
*could get a smile from anyone.*

*Uncle Cal*  
*When God gave us gifts*  
*he tried to be fair,*  
*but when we got you*  
*we got more than our share.*  
*Enjoying life, family and playing the drums,*  
*he was the one who made life fun.*  
*You will be missed. Loving memories,*  
*Steve Klense, your nephew*

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**Steve Klense** - April 21, 2015 at 01:41 PM

BK

“ Aunt Joyce, Bill, Coleen, and 'Little Cal'- we only met one time years and years ago. Still, Pat talked about you all way before we ever met. I loved you, Joyce and Cal, ever after our trip to Iron Mtn. Rob was three and now he's almost 37 so that's how many years have passed. You and Cal set the bar really high for 'happily ever after'. What lovely, warm people you are. What a totally charming man Cal was. I'm sorry for all of you that he's passed. But, golly, what great memories you must have. How much love you received. What a legacy of contributing light in the world. Sending love and my sympathy, Becky Konkol.

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**Becky Konkol** - April 20, 2015 at 07:19 PM

KN

“ Kathy, Gary, Pat, Sue and Nancy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Calvin M. Evers.



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**Kathy, Gary, Pat, Sue and Nancy** - April 20, 2015 at 08:56 AM

KA

“ I have so many fond memories of you and Joyce, Uncle Cal. The summers you took care of us while Mom and Dad searched for a new home in Tulsa and back to Wisconsin. Each time we came to Iron Mt., we enjoyed visiting the VA and picking out one special item, visiting your gift shop and the Dairy Queen, picnics at your home and at the lake, fishing with Dad and the sometimes humorous events that took place on these trips, the band shows, 4th of July celebrations, etc., etc. I have loved you with every fiber in my body, and no one was as special to me as you were. May you rest in peace where angels will welcome a wonderful, kind hearted gentleman, All my love, Kathy



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**Kathy** - April 20, 2015 at 08:46 AM