



## Clyde Divine

August 9, 1923 - June 1, 2012

Clyde E. Divine Jr.

88, of Breitung Twp, passed away on Friday, June 1, 2012 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Clyde was born on August 9, 1923 in Ashland, WI son of the late Clyde and Marta (Wells) Divine. After graduating from Kingsford High School in 1943 he joined the United States Army and served in the infantry during WWII. In early 1945, Clyde became a prisoner of war in Austria and remained there until the end of the war. He married the former Elaine M. Dykstra on August 9, 1947 at the Church of Christ in Kingsford. Clyde worked as a Millwright for Kimberly-Clark/NOW/Pentair in Niagara for thirty eight years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and since he has been a resident at the VA for the past six years, has attended chapel services there. Clyde was also a member of the Golden K and sang with the Golden Throats. His military service was always very important to him and he was active with the Disabled American Veterans and Purple Heart. He wrote a book about his WWII experiences called "Letters to Ed". Clyde enjoyed living in the country especially hunting, fishing, gardening, traveling, camping, and in his later years, watching the birds in his yard. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Clyde is survived by his wife, Elaine; his children, Robert (Jeanette) Divine of Austin, MN, Rev. Michael (Deborah) Divine of Lake Butler, FL, Beth (Kenn) Wittcock of Gilbert, AZ, Edwin (Loretta) Divine of Travelers Rest, South

Carolina, Patty (Steven) Smith of Iron Mountain and Roxanne (Sam) Aten of Lumberton, New Jersey; his sister, Nancy (Samuel) Martner of Tulsa, OK; sisters in law, Faye Dykstra of Powers, Betty VanNess of Kingsford, Johanna (Steve) Cuggino of Norway, Darlene Clash of Powers, Lorraine Divine of Crystal Falls, and Melitta Divine of Fort Worth, TX. Twenty grandchildren and thirty two great grandchildren. Also by several nieces and nephews. Clyde was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

Visitation will be on Thursday, June 7th from 5:00-8:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral home and on Friday from 10-11:00am at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford. Funeral services will be at 11:00am Friday at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Rev. Ronald Wolfe and Rev. Michael Divine will officiate. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill  
332 S. Carpenter Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Redemption Hill  
332 S. Carpenter Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

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“*Roxanne I am so sorry to hear about your father. I pray that God will give you and your family peace and strength. I will be keeping you all in my prayers. God Bless*”

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**Tina Schoolfield (Walstrom) - fredericksburg, VA - friend of daughter Roxanne -**  
June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*Condolences to you and your whole family on the loss of you father. May God bless you and keep you all in his arms.*”

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**Barbara Williams Vaughn - Kingsford, MI and North Port,FL, MI - HS best friend daughter Roxanne -** June 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*My deepest condolences to the entire family. May you all find peace in his eternal rest. Bless you all.*”

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**Charlie Hassell - Kingsford, MI - former neighbor -** June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*I can remember Clyde singing like Bing Crosby. I remember our long talks about the war and his childhood. He was always kind, and accepting. He was a blessing.*”

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**Susan Domenget Anderson - Hopkins, MN - neice -** June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“*On behalf of the staff of the Community Living Center at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, we would like to offer our deepest condolences. It was a pleasure knowing Clyde.*”

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**Selena Okler - Iron Mountain, MI - friend -** June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I can still imagine Clyde dressed up in his gorilla costume for Halloween. It makes me smile! He had a great sense of humor!* ”

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**Selena Okler - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM