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IRON MOUNTAIN - Daniel E. Laydon, 81, of Ventura, Calif., died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2002, at his home.

Mr. Laydon was born Oct. 17, 1921, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Daniel and Catherine (Eischen) Laydon. He and Ardys Danielson married on Sept. 9, 1944, at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this year.

Beloved husband, father and grandfather, he is survived by his wife, Ardys; four sons, Terry (Bobbi) of Gathersburg, Md., Todd of Iron Mountain, Daniel (Carol) of Lincoln, Calif., and Mark of Ventura, and seven grandchildren, Courtney, Christopher, Stephen, Sarah, Crystal Lee, Danielle and Raynee. Preceding him in death were his parents, Daniel and Catherine, and two brothers, Charles and Robert.

He attended school in Iron Mountain, played football and graduated from Iron Mountain High School with the class of 1939. Daniel entered the U.S. Navy, but was discharged honorably due to a childhood eye injury. He worked for several local companies including Walter Firm Plumbing and the Ford Motor Co., where he built components for "woodies" and World War II gliders. When the Ford plant closed he went to work for General Controls Co. It was in 1962, when General Controls decided to relocate to Illinois, that Daniel and Ardys felt it necessary to relocate also. Daniel secured a position at their southern California division and the family moved to Burbank later that year. At that

time they were members of St. Mary and St. Joseph's Church and Pine Grove Country Club. Daniel, always an involved family man, enjoyed many activities through the years, particularly construction. He and Ardys planned and built a cabin in the Sequoia Mountains as a family project with their four son "crew." It was here that the family enjoyed many "getaway" weekends among the redwoods and trout streams. After retirement, Dan and Ardys moved from Burbank to Palm Springs and finally to the coastal area of Ventura.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Graveside services will be held following the visitation at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. Fr. Dan Zaloga will conduct the graveside services. Burial will be in Cemetery Park. The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain to handle the arrangements.