



David Cavaiani

December 10, 1915 - December 10, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - David M. Cavaiani, 94, of Iron Mountain died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at the Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born Nov. 30, 1915, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Antone and Maria (Bianchini) Cavaiani. Dave was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain. He served four years with the 85th division, the Polar Bears, during World War II and was stationed in Africa and Italy.

David married Henrietta "Etta" Scavarda on June 21, 1952, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

He worked at Von Platten Fox and Ford Motor Co., and retired after working 30 years at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Dave was a member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church; the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus; the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a former member of the United Sportsman Club, Ducks Unlimited, the NRA, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. David was an avid gardener and enjoyed hunting and carpentry.

He is survived by his wife, Henrietta "Etta;" one sister-in-law, Judy Drew of Florida; one aunt, Charlotte Jedda of Kingsford; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Louis Cavaiani; a sister, Mary Lancour; brothers-in-law, Clinton Lancour and John Scavarda; and sisters-in-law, Lucille Cavaiani, Kathryn Herscheid, and Elizabeth Lincoln.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will recite a rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be Sunday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be John Mouw, John Wisler, Mike Marlow, Frank Smith, Ed Wicklund, and Scott Brady.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David Cavaiani online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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