



Donald Cooper,

June 9, 2007

BATTLE CREEK - Former Iron Mountain resident, Donald R. Cooper Sr. passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at Good Samaritan Hospice Residence in Battle Creek, Mich.

He is the father of Donald R Cooper Jr. of Battle Creek and Diane M. Ponzio of Alpharetta, Ga. His wife, Rosemary Massie preceded him in death.

He has one surviving sister, Evelyn Stebbins of Marquette. He is survived by his children; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, his sister and several nieces and nephews

Donald was born in Iron Mountain on Nov. 26, 1928. He was the son of Andrew and Florence Cooper of Kingsford. He served in the Army in Europe during World War II.

He married Rosemary C. Massie in 1948. He owned several local business in Iron Mountain. and moved from the area in the 1972.

Don was loved by his family and delighted in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His favorite word for them all was Fantastic!

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Services will follow at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be left for the family of Donald R. Cooper Sr. at the website www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family is being served by Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

GR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cooper family. The Roderick Family*

Greg,Bonnie&Renee - June 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Dear Donny and Diane; I offer my condolences on the passing of your dad. I remember when I was a kid growing up next door to you,how funny your dad was. I remember being around him and he usually had something funny to say. Later in all of our adolescent years, there was "The Coop" and the different dances and things at the armory and elsewhere. The Iron Mountain area would have been very boring without his participation. God bless all of you and do take care!*

Gregg Ball - June 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Recieved from Patsy Fisher

Dear Don and Jill and Family

Very sorry to hear your dad passed away. I have my picture of him as one handsome man when i last saw him and that was on your Grandparents Cooper 50th anniversary. He loved my Mother Lyda .

My folks were always going to Iron Mountain to see my Mom's sister's and your dad would always give my Mom a big hug and kiss. He came to our wedding in 1957 Sept . I understood he had been ill for a very long time. Your dad was 10 years older than me. according to what the paper listed as his birthday year. Your Aunt Ev was the oldest and the only girl. Your grandmother Florence Cooper was a lovely person and she loved her children very much and now she and your Grandpa Cooper have greeted him where his brothers are together with their parents with the Lord as their Father in Heaven.

Your Dad is at peace and a happy man.

I am sorry we cannot attend the memorial you are going to have for him .Miles keep us from being able to see families and that is for many families sometimes hard. I hope that you are able to keep in touch with your sister Diane.

I hope your close . It is important to be close to our sisters and brothers and as we get older I am separated by distance to Donna my sister and my brother Terry. I lost my oldest sister in 1999 .She lived in Richland Michigan.

Any way i have written a book and i will close now and hope you and your family will stay well health wise and i hope you have some good memories of your Dad when he was not ill.

Have not had time to send family tree. Will

*get it to you as soon as i can.
God Bless All of you Write whenever
you can . Your cousin Patsy Fisher*

Patsy Fisher - June 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Diane & Family,

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. As we know it has not been easy for you and Don since this happened to your dad. As much as we hurt for his passing, he has not been the dad you wanted him to be since his illness. It would of been great for him to see what you have accomplished in your life and for him to know your children and grandchildren.

We had a lot of good times hanging out at (The Coop) and that was because of him. He loved all of us even when we drove him up the wall, and you know we did. Our hats are off to him for providing us with a safe haven to hang out at. I feel sorry for the kids today, they don't have what we had. We are still talking about "The Coop"! I can still see that smile on his face when we thought we were pulling the wool over on him, but he knew better.

May he rest in peace now that he has joined your mom.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Debbie (Zambon) Floriano - June 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Dear Diane & Family, When I read of your Dad's passing I began to have flashbacks of our time at the Coop and the dances he had so much to do with. He gave us something to do growing up in a small town. So many smiles. I can see him now shaking his head after someone said or did something stupid that only a teenager could do. His patience was unbelievable. During this sad time I hope you will find comfort in knowing that if it weren't for him our lives wouldn't be what they are today. May God bless and take care of you.

Larry R. Gardepy - June 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Diane - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. What would have our teenage years been like if not for your dad? He was one of the few people who really cared, gave us a place to go ("The Coop") -- and all those armory dances. We all probably drove him crazy at times, but he continued to provide us with not only a place to go, but lasting great memories too. God Bless and take care.

Kathy (Izzo) Maynard - June 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM