



Donald Ebidon,

May 3, 1930 - June 24, 2005

"Donald Ebidon Sr."

KINGSFORD - Donald R. Ebidon Sr., 75, of 893 E. Breen Ave., Kingsford, died Friday, June 24, 2005, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born May 3, 1930, in Niagara, Wis., son of the late Andrew and Anna (Strauss) Ebidon. Don graduated from Niagara High School in 1948. He married Irene Cudnohufsky on May 12, 1951, at the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. From 1951 to 1953, Don served his country overseas in the U.S. Army.

Don was a powerhouse operator at Kimberly-Clark/Pentair Corp. in Niagara when he retired in 1993. He had worked for the mill for over 40 years. He was very active in his church and community. He served as Breitung Township supervisor for several terms and recently served on the Breitung Township Board of Review.

Don was a member of the American Marytrs Catholic Church and an active member of Habitat for Humanity helping build several houses in the area. He was a member of the Carpenter-Clash American Legion Post of Kingsford and the East Kingsford Volunteer Fire Department. He visited shut-ins regularly and was very faithful to that ministry. He volunteered many hours at the VA Medical Center. Don was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed camp and the many fishing trips to Lake Michigan with his boys.

He is survived by his wife, Irene; three sons, Don Ebidon Jr. of Kingsford, Daniel (Shari) Ebidon of Diamondale, lower Michigan and Derrick (Cheryl)

Ebidon of Spring Lake, lower Michigan; one brother; Jerry Ebidon of Marinette, Wis.; seven sisters, Jean Ferrari and Beverly Brown, both of Debary, Fla., Joyce (John) Erdelyn of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., Joan (Jack) Smalldon of St. Johns, lower Michigan, Judy (Jerry) Ciezadlo of Des Plaines, Ill., Ellen (Bertrand) Venstra of Niagara, Wis. and Yvonne Settle of Bentley Park, Australia; seven grandchildren, Michael and Megan, Jay P., Benjamin, and Mark, Justin and Sarah; one great-granddaughter, Maria; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Ebidon Sr., Jim and Kenneth Ebidon, and by one sister, Marion Haynes.

Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Parish prayers will be recited today at 6 p.m. and the American Legion will conduct memorial services at 6:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home and 11 a.m. at the American Martyr's Church. Fr. Raymond Valerio will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be Bertrand and Kevin Venstra, Jared Cudnohufsky, Eugene Robert Cudnohufsky, Lloyd Rudolph Cudnohufsky, and Mike Mainville.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Donald Ebidon online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ I can not express enough how terribly sorry I am to know that my long time friend Derrick and his family need to go through this loss. To lose a parent is one of the hardest things one could ever experience. Again, my deepest sympathy to you Derrick and Family.

Sherry Kraft - June 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ I offer my heartfelt condolences to the entire Ebidon family in their time of loss. In the years I have known Derrick, he has spoken often of the love and respect he had for his father. Stories shared included many fond reflections of growing up and spending time outdoors in the wilds of the UP.

Derrick, please take some comfort knowing you have the support of the many friends who's lives you have touched.

Steve Mitchell - June 27, 2005 at 12:00 AM