



Donald Scholke

May 22, 1932 - May 22, 2013

Donald J. Scholke, 81, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born August 30, 1931 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Robert and Victoria (Trojan) Scholke.

Don graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1951 and joined the U.S. Navy. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War, serving four years as a ships serviceman aboard the USS Baltimore and USS Mississippi. Following his service to his country, he attended technical school in Hartford, CT.

Don married Sharon (Lanpher) on April 11, 1953 at St. Maurice Church in New Britain, CT.

Don worked as a self-employed barber for forty years in Iron Mountain.

He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Elks Lodge and the American Legion Post 50. He was a past member of Pine Grove Country Club, Oakcrest Golf Club and UCT. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Don is survived by his wife 60 years, Sharon; sons, John (Jan) of Sheboygan, WI and Michael (Delores) of Iron Mountain; daughters, Donna (Joseph) Carson of Kalkaska, MI, Diane (Scott) Magnuson of Ishpeming, MI and Suzanne Scholke of San Diego, CA; nine grandchildren; six great-

grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by a brother, Robert (Kathleen) Scholke and a sister, Vivian (George) Kovacich.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, May 25 from 12pm to 1 pm at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. A memorial mass will follow at 1 pm at the church. Fr. Dan Zaloga and Fr. Paul Nomellini will con-celebrate the mass. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

The family requests that flowers be omitted.

Condolences to the family of Donald J. Scholke may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Mass

MAY **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RF

“ *Very sorry to hear about your loss. I just wanted to share this one memory of many about Don and a summer vacation.....I have always remembered our visits as kids to Iron Mt. and listening to my parents, Bill and Betty reminisce with Don and Sharon about all things New Britain High. Good stuff. But for me it was picking blueberries at one of Don's favorite spots. As we kids hacked our way through the bushes in search of juicy blueberries, Don and my father, Bill always stood off to the side 'supervising' the hunt and later gathering up the filled buckets and eating the juiciest. Don claimed someone had to watch out for bears, but we never did encounter any bears, only supervising fathers yucking it up far away from those prickly bushes in the woods. good stuff. great memories. Thank-you.*

Richard W. Venberg - Minneapolis, MN - family friend - May 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Dear Sharon and Family,*

I was sorry to read of Don's passing, and wish to express my sincere sympathy to you at your loss. Sharon, you are to be commended for your faithfulness in caring for Don during these last years, and I am sure other family members greatly contributed to his well-being.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Bill Cummings

Bill Cummings - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - May 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I was very saddened to read about Mr. Scholke's passing and I would like to express my sympathies to Mrs. Scholke and family.

My association with Mr. Scholke began when he started cutting my hair when I was a grade-schooler in the late 50's and continued up through the time I enlisted in the Navy in 1966.

Mr. Scholke was always very encouraging and passionate about his naval service and his positive experience in the Navy was certainly a big factor in my joining. Over the years when I would return to Iron Mountain on leave, I would stop by his shop both on Brown Street and later on Carpenter Avenue to say hello, get a haircut and swap "sea stories" with him. It was a always an event I looked forward to.

The two things I remember most about his shop on Brown Street was first, he had a picture of the Navy cruiser he served aboard prominently displayed near the front window of the barber shop. That of course led to our initial conversation about the Navy.

Second, he had a sign posted on the mirror that each customer could prominently see when swung around in the chair to look at the finished haircut - that sign said "In God we trust, the rest pay cash."

To me, Mr. Scholke exemplified the kind of person we think of when we want to describe someone as an American. He worked hard, raised a wonderful family, and proudly and honorably served his country. He was definitely a role model to me.

Again, my sincere condolences and may he rest in peace.

*John Carobine
LT USN (Ret.)*

John Carobine - Waukegan, IL - Barbershop customer - May 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Scholke Family --

You are in our thoughts and prayers!

Mike, Dee, Mike, Matt & Melissa... We'll be thinking of you all during this difficult time.

Tony, Aimee, and Dominic

Aimee Tatangelo - Family Friend - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *John and Family, I was so sorry to read about the death of your father. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

Dennis Nelson - Ham Lake, MN - Friend of Son - May 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM