



## Edmund "Hap" Rondeau

August 21, 1926 - March 19, 2017

Edmund "Hap" Rondeau, 90, passed away peacefully and quietly on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at ManorCare. Rosemary, his wife of over 66 years was at his side. Hap, a lifelong resident of the Iron Mountain/Kingsford area, was born Aug. 21, 1926 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Henry and Eva (Rousselle) Rondeau. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1944, where he played guard for a winning IMHS basketball team. Immediately following graduation Hap entered the US Navy during WWII. While in the service, Hap was aboard the sub chaser 727, that was 1 of 3 ships sunk during the war by a typhoon. Nearly half of the men onboard died that day. He also served on the USS Starr and the USS Minneapolis.

After discharge from the service, he enrolled at NMU and graduated with a degree in journalism. He then joined The Iron Mountain Daily News and began in the sports editorial department and ended his career, nearly 50 years later, as Managing Editor.

He married Rosemary Walsh in 1951 and had 4 children, Jodi (Ivan) Malnar of Rapid River, MI., Mary (Mark) Pacchini of Long Grove, IL., Dohn (Nida) Rondeau of Marysville, WA., and Jane (Tim) Ista, Brooklyn Park, MN. Edmund and Rosemary have 6 grandchildren, Benji, Jesse, Cole, Katrina, Sabrina and Athena and 7 great grandchildren, Leilani, AJ, Sean, Bodhi, Eva, Jada and Maya.

He was preceded death by his sisters Yvonne LeMay, Margaret Schank, and Alma Nadon.

Hap was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace church of Kingsford. He ushered there for nearly 60 years. He also served as president of the Holy Name Society of the church when that organization was active. He belonged to the Big Brothers Association and The American Legion.

Hap enjoyed going to the Mariucci camp every Sunday for many years. He and his buddies played bocce, cards, and enjoyed eating food prepared by Ernie Mariucci. Hap especially enjoyed attending local football games for both the Iron Mountain and Kingsford teams. He played baseball and bowled at the Recreation Lanes for many years.

Hap loved animals especially his beloved cat, Kitty aka Tubby, depending on her weight situation. He made friends with the birds and squirrels each summer while enjoying the weather in his yard, of course, there was a little treat waiting for them if they stopped by for a visit.

Hap was best known for his smile and his funny nature. Hap, which is short for happy, always made people laugh with a joke or two, and will always be remembered for his kindness and treating everyone he met with respect. He was one-of-a-kind. A wonderful husband and dad to his children, he will be missed and thought of everyday.

A memorial service for Hap will be at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford, on Friday, August 4 at 11 am. Father Michael Woempner will celebrate the mass. All who knew him are welcomed to attend. A luncheon following the service will be held at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church as well.

Condolences to the family of Edmund "Hap" Rondeau may be expressed

online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church  
432 Edsel  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall



“ *To the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you with your loss. I will miss his "Hap"py smiling face in church.  
What a wonderful man.  
Scott Pancheri*



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**Scott Pancheri** - March 30, 2017 at 02:39 PM

MP

*Thank you Scott Pancheri for your kind words and thoughts. Mary Rondeau Pacchini*

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**Mary Pacchini** - March 30, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Mu condolences to the family. I knew Hap casually as he was a neighbor of my Uncle and Aunt Russell and Irene Julian. I also knew him from my years at the IMFD when it was located across the street from the Daily News. He was a wonderful man.*

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**Jason Julian** - March 29, 2017 at 04:00 PM

MP

*Thank you Jason, I remember your aunt and uncle very well. Mary Rondeau Pacchini*

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**Mary Pacchini** - March 29, 2017 at 09:52 PM

Jl

“ There are way too many memories for me to share but I wanted to say a few words about my dad. No matter how often we made him mad, he never raised his voice and would talk to us instead of punishing us. He never put himself before us kids. We were his pride and joy. Worked very hard to support us so we were always able to do the things we enjoyed doing. Never complained and never missed any sporting event, dance recital, school activities etc... He was such a giving person and respected everyone. I will miss you to the moon and back dad. I am very proud to be your daughter.



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**Jane Rondeau Ista** - March 29, 2017 at 02:23 PM

MP

*Nice thoughts Jane.*

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**Mary Pacchini** - March 29, 2017 at 09:50 PM

MP

“ Thank you Terry Awrey for remembering my dad. Mary

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**Mary Pacchini** - March 28, 2017 at 08:51 PM

DL

“ I had the honor of working with Hap at The Iron Mountain News in the 1960's. He was a great guy and a great newsman. My condolences to his family.

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**DL** - March 21, 2017 at 03:31 PM

TA

“ Terry Awrey lit a candle in memory of Edmund  
"Hap" Rondeau



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**Terry Awrey** - March 21, 2017 at 02:57 PM