



Edward Carlsen

July 31, 1916 - August 1, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Edward Charles Carlsen, 89, of Iron Mountain, passed into the presence of his Lord and Savior on Monday, Aug. 1, 2005, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Edward was born on July 31, 1916, in Escanaba, son of the late Charles and Rose (Maurus) Carlsen. Early in his life his family moved to Iron Mountain. He was a 1936 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and resided on Hughitt Street for most of his life.

On Feb. 14, 1941, Edward was joined in marriage to Beryl White at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Norway. They celebrated 62 very special and loving years together. He was an example to his family and friends as he tenderly cared for his "Sweetheart" through many years of her illness, until her death in January of 2003. What a reunion now taking place as they meet again, young and filled with health and joy!

Edward served his country proudly in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 in the European-African Middle Eastern Campaign, and also in the Pacific Theatre where he earned the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, among others.

Edward and Beryl were members of Trinity United Methodist Church since its inception. He was very active in several facets of Christian service within his congregation serving as Sunday school teacher, Bible camp counselor, usher and trustee. He was to be found wherever there was service to be rendered,

including serving tables and washing dishes for the church's soup kitchen right up to the time of his final short illness.

Edward worked for Kingsford Motors from the 1930s until 1956. Until his retirement in 1981, he was a valued employee of W. B. Thompson Company. In his later years, he enjoyed spending time with friends at the Niagara Senior Center, serving his church and reading extensively. He enjoyed camping with his son, Bob, and his family, spending time with his daughter Linda's family and their pets and traveling back and forth to Colorado to visit his son, Mark, and daughter-in-law, Joanne. Especially, he will be remembered for his loving patience with his beloved great-grandchildren who brought him much joy after the passing of Beryl.

Edward is survived by his son, Robert (Judy) Carlsen of Norway, his son, Mark (JoAnne) Carlsen of Westminster, Colo., and his daughter, Linda (Rick) Stanchina of Iron Mountain. He also leaves his grandchildren Andrea (Nick) Blomberg, David (Connie) Carlsen, Scott (Nicole) Stanchina, Brian Stanchina, and Melissa (Scott) Ross, and his eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Edna Carlsen Baker of Green Bay; two special nieces, Kathleen Baker and Kay Carlson; a sister-in-law, Gladys White of Quinnesec; two brothers-in-law, Clarence White of Marquette, and Robert (Grayce) White of Iron Mountain, and their children.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Woodrow Carlsen, and by his daughter-in-law, Suzanne Ferris Carlsen.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Edward's family wishes to express sincere appreciation to the staff and doctors at Dickinson County Healthcare System for their tender, respectful care during his final illness. Thank you, also, to all who visited or said a prayer to encourage and comfort.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church. Condolences may be expressed to the family of Edward Carlsen at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Linda, Robert and Mark,

*We are so very sorry to hear from Cousin Gladys of Edward's passing and hasten to send you and all your families our heartfelt sympathy. It is a blessing that he did not suffer for very long in his final illness, and is now reunited with his "Sweetheart" Beryl, to whom he was devoted for almost a lifetime. Edward was a remarkable man, thinking always of how he could help other people, his family, his friends, his church, his community, his employer and his country. He will be sadly missed and with you we give thanks for his life and for the happiness and service he gave throughout. Our kindest thoughts are with you all.
Lorna, Joyce, Brian and family, England.*

Lorna Leadbetter - August 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Bob, Judy and family and Gladys and others,
*Ed served well all his 89 years. Absent from the body and present with the Lord.
Love and Prayers are with you at this time.*

Don and Nancy Bugni - August 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM