



Eldin J. Paquin

August 30, 1928 - April 28, 2019

Eldin J. Paquin, 90, of Iron Mountain, passed away Sunday April 28, 2019 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay from Pulmonary Fibrosis.

He was born August 30, 1928 in Hermansville, MI, son of the late Del and Demma (Gauthier) Paquin. He was raised in the Iron Mountain area.

Eldin served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a heavy equipment operator. He was just three days short of going on the Honor Flight with his daughter when he became ill.

Eldin loved to entertain and was a self-taught musician, playing with a band when he was young, which eventually led him to Sauk City, WI where he met and fell in love with Phyllis Hudson. They were married on Nov. 19, 1955 at American Martyrs Church and were blessed with 63 years of marriage and three children.

He completed two years of business school in LaCrosse, WI, which eventually led him to a career as a salesman in the manufactured homes industry for Bob's Homes and later Patriot Homes. In his off time he would make the rounds entertaining at local nursing homes, Maryhill Manor with George Hirn, and "The Follies." Eldin really cherished his guitar! He also sang with the American Martyrs Choir for many years.

Every summer for over 33 years he enjoyed spending time with family and friends at his family's property "Del Acres" at Way Dam. He loved camp, hunting with his brothers, fishing with his sons and being entertained by his son-in-law, Victor. He also had a great adoration for his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Phyllis; their children, Guy (Margie) Paquin, Kerry Paquin, and Dawn Ann (Victor) Helt; Grandchildren, Sarah (Dan) Grignon, Danielle (Matt) Fleming, and Tiffany (Mike) VanKirk; many beloved great-grandchildren; a special brother-in-law, Dick (Linda) Hudson; close friends, Johnny Pietrantonio, Doug Marcelini, Father Joseph Gouin, Monsignor James Kaczmarek, as well as many other wonderful friends and relatives.

In addition to his parents, Eldin was preceded in death by four brothers: Vertin (Evelyn), Leonard (Berta), Roy (Lorraine) and Lester Paquin; four sisters: Edna (Tom) Henehan, Dorothy (Darold) Cousineau, Ethel (Joe) Ray and Martha (Ellery) Powell, and grandson James Hood.

Visitation will be held at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Father Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial at American Martyrs Catholic Church on Friday morning, May 10, 2019 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Eldin's memory.

Condolences to the family of Eldin J. Paquin may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The volunteers, flight team and board of Badger Honor Flight mourn the loss of their hero, Eldin Paquin. We are thankful for his military service and so very sorry he was unable to fly on the trip to Washington, D.C. Our sincerest condolences.*

Tammi Alexander, Badger Honor Flight - May 09, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Eldin J. Paquin.*



May 08, 2019 at 09:33 PM

KS

“ *Our hearts are aching. Eldin was such a kind, caring, and definately a man that could make you smile. Laughter was a huge part of his life. He was greatly loved and will be deeply missed. With much love, Frank, Kathie, and Dallas Dalton Strand*

Kathie Strand - May 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM

MF

“ All (especially Dawn Anne & Vic), Please accept our great sympathy for your loss of Eldin. What a great guy! I met him up on the lake 20, years ago on a super Memorial Day weekend. What a Patriot! We watched the annual show on Public Radio / TV. Great tributes. He was eating it up. What I saw: A person loved by his family who loved them back. Regardless. A guy who had a couple or more opinions. He would openly, unabashedly like to discuss each with whoever was not intimidated. To discuss with Eldin, one had to have his flag posted in the dirt and his facts straight. My opinion, he did not like push overs but he still made all welcome. I saw a smile; Almost like he knew something the other did not. I think he enjoyed that but did not exploit. To the family: We are sorry for your loss. But....90 years! Wow! I think he crammed life into each one of those years. Peace. Mike & Becke Ferris

Mike Ferris - May 06, 2019 at 01:29 PM

OW

“ Remembering this great guy who shared his gift of song and music in so many ways,including singing with Ray Pilon and Mindy for many Golden K Special Needs kids parties and picnics over the past few years. May the Lord keep him singing in the heavenly choir even as He gives comfort to all of Eldon's family.My sympathy and prayers.
Orice Walters
for Dickinson Area Golden K Club



Orice Walters - May 02, 2019 at 11:57 AM

TC

“ To Eldin's family. He was one of the nicest men I've ever met/known. He sold us our home in 1993. I couldn't have been more pleased with his service. Just a very helpful & talkative man. He always said we were related somehow. Condolences to his family.

Tammy & Bill Conley

Tammy Conley - May 01, 2019 at 11:44 PM

TR

Such a good kisser too; will miss those much,

Tinker Rugg - May 19, 2019 at 12:28 AM

TS

“ *Phyllis, Guy and Kerry.*
So sorry to hear about Eldin. He was a great man. The family is in mine and Don's thoughts and prayers. Love Don and Tina Struebing

Tina Struebing - May 01, 2019 at 03:22 PM

RP

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Eldin. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family, Phyllis. It won't be the same not seeing him working around the yard this summer. Love to all. Ron and Nancy Penegor*

Ron and Nancy Penegor - May 01, 2019 at 02:49 PM

MP

“Eldie” as our 1968 baseball team called him was a true friend and sometimes second father to us. He picked us up when we were down and helped keep us on our task. He was a special man. He helped create the Jack award that was more coveted than any I can remember. He was never thought of as our bus driver but one of us! My condolences to all!

Mike Passini - May 01, 2019 at 12:59 PM

DM

“ I have lost my “brother”, I LOVED him so and already miss him so very much! I am just SO sad. May his soul eternally Rest In Peace! God speed my special, dear friend! With deepest sympathy to Phyllis/family! With much love and prayers, Doug Marcelini

Douglas F Marcelini - May 01, 2019 at 11:22 AM