



## Eldred Erdman

February 25, 1920 - February 25, 2008

QUINNESEC - Eldred L. Erdman, 88, of Quinnesec, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2008, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born on May 11, 1919, in Quinnesec, the only child of the late William and Elsie (Green) Erdman. He grew up and graduated from the Quinnesec High School in 1936. He went on and graduated from the Badger Business College in Green Bay, Wis. in 1937.

On April 3, 1941, he joined the United States Army and served as a medic during World War II. He was discharged with a surgical technician 3 rating from the 291st Engineer Combat Battalion. In his four years and seven months of service, 3 1/2 of the years were spent in the European Theatre of Operations. This time included the battles and campaigns on Normandy and D-Day, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardenes, and Central Europe.

He married Grace Hope Huebner on June 15, 1946, and together had two daughters, Carol Dawn Sweis of Amman, Jordan and Sandra Ruth Adams of Quinnesec.

He worked for the Wisconsin-Michigan Power Co. for 42 years and was the treasurer of the EMBA for eight years.

Eldred was a member of the Quinnesec Methodist Church where he served as a church school teacher, administrative board chairman and treasurer.

He was also a lay minister at many local churches and was active in the jail ministry. Eldred served as camp dean for the Bible camp at Michigamme for many years. He was on the Breitung Township School Board for three years and during that time was the treasurer for one year. In 1971, he became a member of the Gideon International and has been active ever since.

Eldred is survived by his wife, Hope; two daughters, Carol (Nabil) Sweis of Amman, Jordan and Sandra (Anthony) Adams of Quinnesec; grandchildren, Ranya (Mark) Faasse of Chicago, Amal (Jeries) Haddadin of Amman, Jordan, Seth Adams of Norway, Torrey (Ginnie) Adams of Kingsford, Luke Adams of Buffalo, N.Y., and Anthony M. Adams of Norway; and a great-grandson, Laith Haddadin of Amman, Jordan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Nathan C. Adams.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Quinnesec United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church with Anthony W. Adams officiating.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 332, Quinnesec, Mich. 49876

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Eldred L. Erdman online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

PT

“ Dear Hope and Family,  
Our sincere condolences for the loss of your dear Eldred. He was a fine Christian man! Always a smile, always a kind word.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Derrick and Pamla (Gendron) Tyner

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**Pamla M. (Gendron) Tyner** - March 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mrs. Erdman, Sandy & Family,  
  
We were very saddened to hear of Eldred's passing and yet know that he is now with the Lord. What a wonderful role model he has been to all of us at Quinnesec Methodist. We are so fortunate to have known him. May you all experience God's peace through this difficult time.

With love,  
Sarah, Mike, Halle & Samantha Paternoster

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**Sarah Paternoster** - March 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Dearest Hope, Carol and Sandra,  
Our thoughts have been in Quinnesec all day today. We wanted so much to sit in that little historic Methodist Church and feel the love and respect that many family members and friends came to show to all of you and of course primarily to Eldred. He has been a dear cousin that we have enjoyed and been blessed by for so many years, we will miss him very much. It is so comforting to recognize that he had a strong faith that has been imparted to each of you and that will sustain you through this difficult time. Love to each of you,  
Ken & Dolores

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**Ken & Dolores Haug** - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Dear Hope, Carol and Sandra, I was saddened to hear of Eldred's passing. I'm sorry we were unable to attend the funeral, but I was glad I could see him one last time last year at Ranya's wedding. I spent many of the summers of my youth in Quinnesec. Some of my fondest memories are of time spent with you and him. I always felt a part of your family. He went out of his way to take me places and show me things I never would have experienced otherwise. I feel he was a role model of what a Christian man should be. I am a richer man for knowing him and will always hold a fond place in my heart for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all, Sincerely  
Michael and Karen Erdman

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**Michael Erdman** - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Hope and Family:  
Our deepest sympathy to you in the passing of your beloved Eldred.  
What a precious friend he was to so many, including us. May you  
feel the presence of our loving heavenly Father, on this day, and  
always.  
Love,  
Jim & Ruth Brandt

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**Jim & Ruth Brandt** - March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ Mrs. Erdman(Hope) and family  
My deepest sympathy on Eldred's passing.  
I recall as a youngster taking piano lessons what a fine gentleman  
he was. It is my hope that those fine qualities are with you always.  
I know your faith will sustain you during this difficult time.

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**Allan Huntley** - February 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ Dear Hope, Carol and Sandra,  
I'm deeply sorry for your loss.  
I know personally how difficult these next few months and weeks  
will be to go through. But I also know that your faith will guide you  
through the hardest days.  
There are no guarantees in life so we have to enjoy each day with  
the ones we love.  
Sincerely,  
Bob and Linda Peronto  
High Point, NC

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**Linda Gendron Peronto** - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Mr Erdman will always be my hero.*

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**David Moore** - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Dear Hope and family.*

*I'm deeply sorry to read about Eldred's passing.  
He was a very special person. I am visiting in Florida and unable to  
attend his service. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers.*

*Dorothy Trepanier*

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**Dorothy Trepanier** - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Hope and Family, my aunt Dolores Haug let me know of Eldred's passing and I was sad to hear it. I read his life sketch and I really wish my family had more opportunities to interact with yours. His life seems so full of richness and I've been touch by it even from afar. I pray God's loving presence will draw near you now and additionally comfort you at this time. With much love and respect, Leslie and Lisa Rollins, Nashville TN.

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**Leslie & Lisa Rollins** - February 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Hope and family-sorry to read about the passing of Eldred. But it brought back many of memories from church and like Jim said the Christmas plays at church. From a former neighbor in Quinnesec my wife and mine prayers are with you and your family. Dale

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**Dale Hulce** - February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Dear Hope Carol and Sandy,  
We were so sad to here about Eldred.Hope, I have all kinds of great memorys living next door.Such wonderful neighbors.We were blessed to know Eldred.We are wintering in florida or we would surly be there.  
May God Bless Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer

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**Mike,Debbie oberdorfer** - February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Hope, Carol, Sandy and families...It was with sadness I read of your loss....Winter takes us away to warmer weather otherwise we would be there to express our sympathies in person....Eldred was a wonderful man and will be miss by many..we have many fond memories of our relationship with him....Please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time...Lois and Bruce

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**Bruce & Lois Ring** - February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Hope and family,

*I am sorry to see about the passing of Eldred. As a young boy growing up in the Quinnesec Methodist Church, I always looked forward to the Christmas Play that was put together by the Erdman family.*

*I was sorry that your family was not able to attend the service for my dad two years ago.*

*My prayers and thoughts are with your family in this time of grieving. I will always remember the positive contributions that Eldred made to my life as a young boy growing up in Quinnesec.*

*Love,*

*Jim LaPoint  
Lawrence, KS*

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**Jim LaPoint** - February 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM