



Elmer Corsi

January 27, 1922 - January 27, 2012

Elmer Corsi

90, of 1820 Mary's Way formerly of 1213 W. C St. Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, Jan. 27th at Dickinson County Hospital.

Elmer was born on June 18, 1921 in Iron Mountain, one of seven children born to Joseph Sr. and Carmella (Gianunzio) Corsi. Elmer was a 1939 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and upon graduating immediately joined the United States Air Force. Elmer served during WWII from 1942-45. He was an air crew member and rear gunner on B-29 Heavy Bombers, and flew sixteen combat missions to major cities in Japan. Elmer received the American Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal , Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, WWII Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. Following his discharge from the Air Force as a Staff Sergeant in 1945, he enrolled in Elgin Watch College and after his graduation began working for General Time in Chicago. While at General Time, Elmer once repaired a watch for Dr. Enrico Fermi, an atomic scientist who developed parts for the atomic bomb. Elmer married the former Catherine Roecker on September 2, 1949 in Chicago. The couple resided in the Chicago area until Elmer retired from General Time. They moved back to Iron Mountain following his retirement and have been residents here since..

Elmer always loved airplanes and over the years built many model and radio controlled planes. He enjoyed attending the annual air shows at the Ford

Airport. Elmer was very interested in history and rarely watched any thing other than the history channel on television. He also enjoyed the outdoors, in his younger years, small game hunting and target shooting. Later in life, he especially enjoyed exploring the area's back roads by car, going to camp, visiting with family, going out to eat, music (especially the big bands) and reminiscing about times past.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; three sisters, Evelyn "Marge" Postl, Eleanor Pera and Phyllis Collis; one brother, Andrew Corsi. Elmer is survived by his brother, Joseph (Sandy) Corsi of Quinnesec; a sister, Antoinette "Toni" Beauchamp of Iron River. Many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was also survived by his longtime special friend, Jean Jackson of Iron Mountain.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 2nd from 10:00am to 11:00am. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on thursday, February 2, 2012 at 11:00am at the Funeral Home. Father. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park. Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50 will conduct military graveside honors.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Elmer Corsi online at www.er-nashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FF

“ My condolences and prayers for the Corsi family. We were neighbors of the Corsi family in Kingsford Heights for many years as our family grew up together. I remember Elmer flying his modle airplains and I spent many hours fishing with his brother Andrew. May he now rest in peace. Fr. John Francis Samsa.

Fr. John Francis Samsa - Appleton, WI - Neighbor of the Corsi Family - February 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our condolences to Elmers family. I only had the pleasure of meeting Elmer once, to me he was the kind of man you met and liked at once.
I feel that way about the whole Corsi family that Jennie and I have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing. Bruce and Jennie Bray

Bruce and Jennie Bray - Kingsford, MI - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Joe and Family of Elmer Corsi,

I am so saddened by the news of Elmer's passing. I truly loved hearing about his stories in the war, and even the bunny he used to have.

He was a sweet man and will be greatly missed. It was an honor to have served him with his oral healthcare needs.

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Deanna Legeret
Dental Hygienist*

Deanna Legeret - Iron Mountain, MI - Dental Hygienist - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Jean & Family,

I don't even know where to begin..I've only known Elmer since he lived at Evergreen, but feel like I've known him a lifetime. I loved his stories which were so detailed, his laughter and wit. He brought a smile to everyone that was around him. He made every day so much fun going to work and is so greatly missed by us all.

Last spring, my daughter was struggling with a history class in college, it was about the war. She had no interest. I took her to talk with Elmer, he shared his stories, photographs, clippings. She was fascinated and aced the class! He touched so many without even knowing.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Diane

Diane - Kingsford, MI - Friend - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Corsi family. So sorry to hear of Elmer's passing.*

Jim and Barbara Corsi

James Corsi - Mount Prospect, IL - Cousin - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Antoinette, Joe, and Jean,

I was so sorry to hear about Elmer. We are away for the winter....Elmer was quite the guy...he had so many interesting stories to tell about when he was in the service. I know we all will miss him.

Rest in peace, dear cousin.

Cynthia

Cynthia Corsi-Gordon - Iron Mountain , MI - Coursin - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM