



Ernest Perdue

February 18, 1922 - February 18, 2006

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KINGSFORD - Ernest R. Perdue, 84, of 517 Edison St. Kingsford, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon, lower Michigan. He was born on Sept. 9, 1921, in Maybeury, W.V., the son of the late Joseph and Anava (Prewitt) Perdue.

Ernie served in the U.S. Navy. He worked at the V.A. Hospital as a nursing care tech for 27 years retiring in 1981.

He served as president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), served as president/chairman of many organizations including: commander of the DAV, NARFE Chapter 185, field agent representative for the Masonic Service Association of the U.S., and Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50. He was also a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Ernie had a great love of music. He enjoyed singing and playing guitar. He played with the bluegrass band Lynn Davis & the 49s in West Virginia and the band performed on the radio.

He married Lena Sexton May 3, 1941, in Blackwolf, W.V.

He is survived by his wife, Lena; his children, Lane (Joan) of Green Bay, Wis., Lena Iris (Jerry) Eldridge of Pearson, Wis., Dallas (Peggy) of Muskegon, Linda (Jerry) Makela of Iron Mountain, and Marvin (Debbie) of Kingsford; 15 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Ernest Randall, three brothers,

and two sisters.

Visitation will be held tonight from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home and Tuesday from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the church. Rev. Ronald Wolfe will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens. Graveside military rites will be accorded by the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ernest Perdue online at www.tondinfuneralhome.com.

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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“ *Purdue Family: You probably don't remember me but I want to tell you what a special, loving man your father was. I am Harlan Bates's youngest daughter and Ernie came to our home many times to sing and play with dad. He would always take me on his lap with that big smile of his. I couldn't say his name and called him Ernie Fadoo. I wanted to marry him when I grew up:~) I moved to Co. in 1966 but saw him 4 years ago on one of my visits to the U.P. He knew me immediately. He will always have a warm spot in my heart and memories. My sympathy to you.*

Yvonne Bates-Lesser

Yvonne Bates-Lesser - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Some of my fondest childhood memories are spending time with your family. After growing up, whenever I would see Aunt Lena Mae and Uncle Ernie, they were always ready for a hug and so happy we could see each other again. We are gone for the winter, so I'm unable to attend the services. My sympathy to you all. Sharon and Bill Rocheleau*

Sharon (Pudgy Charette) Rocheleau - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM