



## Ernest J. Perron

March 19, 1922 - February 6, 2015

Ernest J. Perron, 92, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 6, 2015 at Maryhill Manor Nursing Home in Niagara, WI where he was a resident for the past three years.

Ernie was born March 19, 1922 at his home in Sagola, MI, son of the late Leo and Aimee Perron. As with many young men of that era, Ernie left school early and joined the Civilian Conservation Corp where he spent his time planting trees in the Kenton area. He was then drafted into the U.S. Army. Ernie served his country from 1942 thru 1946. Although he never spoke of it much, he was very proud to have served during WWII. Ernie was a machine gunner who was in the Central Europe and Rhineland Campaign. He was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, three Overseas Service Bars, a Victory Medal and the American Theatre Ribbon.

After his discharge from the Army, he met and later married the love of his life, Zita Willmas. They were married in Sheboygan, WI where they lived for a short time. They relocated to Wyandotte, MI where he worked in the steel mills. In 1957 they moved to Iron Mountain where Ernie worked for Khoury Manufacturing Co. He then became employed by the City of Iron Mountain where he worked for 25 years, retiring in 1983. Zita preceded him in death on January 1, 2013, after nearly 67 wonderful years together.

Ernie loved the outdoors; hunting and fishing were his passion. Most weekends he could be found outdoors with his parents, sisters, brothers, wife and children. He passed on his passion to his children and always looked forward to the many annual camping trips with them and his grandchildren.

After his retirement he and Zita could often be found at Gene's Pond camping and enjoying lunch at The Ralph Bar. Ernie's second interest was all Detroit sports. He loved the Lions, Tigers and Red Wings and could recall all the lineups and statistics of teams gone by. Ernie was a very hard worker and he was always there to help family and friends.

Ernie is survived by his children, Sandy Crosslan, Ron (Mary) Perron, Sharon Izzo, and Don (Linda) Perron; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Rene Perron and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zita; three brothers, Emery, Donald and Duane Perron; three sisters, Yvonne LaVigne, Alma Tomassoni and Isabelle Paoletti; two sons-in-law, Dave Crosslan and Dennis Izzo; two granddaughters, Angela Perron and Becky Crosslan; and a great granddaughter, Desi Crosslan.

Private family services will be held.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ernie Perron 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.



# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

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“ *RON, SANDY, SHARON, DON AND FAMILIES, THROUGH THE YEARS I ALWAYS REMEMBERED ERNIE AND HIS STORIES, EVEN WHEN HE WAS IN THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY. He and Zita were good neighbors of ours , when I was a child and now that I'M in the Golden years. They raised good kids who were neighborly too. Harlan & I express our sympathy and love to all of the Perrons. God be with you.keeping you in prayer.*

*Orice Theisen Walters and Harlan.*

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**Orice Walters** - February 20, 2015 at 11:07 PM

JD

“ *To all of the Perron family... So sorry to hear of Ernie's passing. We will always remember the camping (with tents) our families did together.*

*Jim and Sharon Dabb*

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**Jim Dabb** - February 16, 2015 at 02:43 PM

JF

“ *Donnie, Sharon, Ronnie, Sandra and Family, Sure am sorry for your loss. I always liked your Dad. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers at this tough time. My deepest sympathy and condolences.*

*Sincerely,  
Jim Fornetti*

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**Jim Fornetti** - February 12, 2015 at 07:01 PM

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“ Sandra, Ron, Sharon and Don and Families, our most sincere sympathy in your loss. I can just imagine the party going on in Heaven. Leo and Mae, Tony and Alma, Ernie and Zita, Duane, Al and Rose, Lee and Fern, Tony Spig, Norm Mainville and other's who were the crew on the Well's Grade Road for several decade's, getting together for a few beer's and some game's of Smear. May they all Rest in Peace!! I have many great Memory's of Dawson Lake, Peavy backwater's as well as our home's and Camp's. Thank You for including us in your Family !!!

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**Dick and Gail Dabb** - February 11, 2015 at 03:24 PM

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“ Ernie and Zita Perron - great people and great neighbors. My condolences to the family. Dennis Theisen

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**Dennis Theisen** - February 10, 2015 at 08:42 PM