



Ernest Swartout

October 24, 1921 - October 24, 2002

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IRON MOUNTAIN-Ernest Swartout, 81, of Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at Hyland Nursing Home. He was born October 26, 1920 in Brainerd, MN, son of the late Wesley and Gina (Pederson) Swartout.

Ernie married Lillian Johnson on July 5, 1942 in Brainerd, MN. They celebrated their 60th anniversary this past summer.

Ernie served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during WWII in Germany. He worked as a welder and blacksmith for the Hanna Mining Co. for 32 years, starting in Minnesota. Ernie moved to Michigan in 1963 and retired in 1977 due to a disability.

He was a former member of the American Legion Uren-Cooper-Johnson Post #50, was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Iron Mountain Lodge #388 F&AM and the Scottish Rite of Duluth and Hibbing, Minn. He also was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and had served on the church council. In his earlier years, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and leather craft. He loved reading. For many years Ernie and Lillian could be seen walking from the northside downtown to Kresge's for coffee. Bad weather was never an excuse for missing their daily walk.

Ernest is survived by his wife Lillian, four sons; Jerold (Connie) Swartout of Iron Mountain, Dr. Dennis Swartout of Keene, N.H., Larry (Joan) Swartout of Breitung Twsp., and Ronald Swartout of Iron River. A brother Herbert (Irene) Swartout of Virginia, MN. Four sisters; Elvera Johnson of Brainerd, MN.,

Gudrun Johnson of Brainerd, MN., Della (George) Shanks of Brainerd, MN., and Pearl Miller of Brainerd, MN. A sister-in-law, Harriett Swartout of Brainerd, MN. 10 grandchildren; Rob (Brenda) Swartout, Danny (Paula) Swartout, Michelle (Tom) Murray, Brad (Sarah), Timmy, Jordan, and Emily Swartout, Tom, Alex, and Andrew Swartout. 6 great grandchildren; Parker, Saylor, and Nate Swartout, Eric Deycart, Megan Murray, and Simon Swartout. He was preceded in death by a son Michael Swartout, a grandson Trevor Swartout, 2 brothers John and Earl Swartout, and a sister Marcella (Bert) Albertson. Visitation will be on Saturday, October 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be at 11:30 am at the church. Pastor Lori Liverance will officiate. Burial will be at Cemetery Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Pall Bearers will be his grandsons; Robert, Daniel, Tom, Alex, and Andrew Swartout, Tom Murray, and Eric Deycart. The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.