



## Francis Bennett "Fuzzy" LeQuia

May 31, 1922 - January 11, 2016

Francis Bennett "Fuzzy" LeQuia, 93, of Kingsford, died peacefully Mon. Jan. 11, 2016 at ManorCare Health Services on his loving wife's birthday. He was born on May 31, 1922 in Menominee, the son of the late Joseph and Pearl (Bennett) LeQuia.

He was raised on the north side of Iron Mountain and attended Iron Mountain Public Schools. Fuzzy served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1942-45 aboard the Firedrake. He reconnected with his fellow veterans by attending reunions held across the United States

He married the love of his life, Irene K. Steindorf on April 12, 1947 in Iron Mountain. Fuzzy was a devoted, loving, and caring husband. The couple shared 64 wonderful years together until her death on May 7, 2011.

Fuzzy worked in the dietitian department at the V.A. Hospital for many years and retired as the assistant equalization director for Dickinson County . He was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church, where he served as an usher for over fifty years. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and was a volunteer for their weekly Bingo and annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Fuzzy was a member and former chaplain of the American Legion Post 363. He served as president of the board of UPCAP.

He was an avid Green Bay Packers , Detroit Tigers and Michigan State men's basketball fan. Fuzzy enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling, golfing, driving his new cars, riding his motorcycle, boating, and playing cards, especially pinochle and smear. He also enjoyed fishing on Lake Gogebic with his brother Joe. Fuzzy had the privilege of participating in the UP Honor Flight to Washington, DC with his son.

Fuzzy cherished and treasured all his family. He is survived by his son Little Fuzz "F. D." (Linda) LeQuia of Felch, two daughters Deborah A. (Douglas) LeQuia-Skytta of Ishpeming and Ann Irene (Herman) Morosini of Watertown, NY, five granddaughters Brenda (Kirk) Mattson of Felch, Rebecca (Chad) Steinbrecher of Felch, Teresa Steele (Brad Barglind) of Kingsford, Angela Morosini (Colin Donahoe) of Elbridge, NY, and Elizabeth Irene (Kevin) VanSlyke of Pulaski, NY, and five great grandchildren Hunter and Dugan Mattson, and Julia, Lucas, and Kathryn Steinbrecher, and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters Rose (Jack) Sharkey and June (Peter) Selmo, brother Joseph P. (Alice) LeQuia, nieces Chris and Robin, nephew Glenn, and his four legged friend Tanner.

Fuzzy's smile, positive energy, love of life, and kindness brought joy to all he met, and he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation will be Thurs.from 9:00-10:30 at the Kingsford Funeral Home.  
Funeral services will be Thurs. at 11 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church.  
Father Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Entombment will be in the Gardens of Rest Mausoleum in Escanaba.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Francis "Fuzzy" LeQuia at [ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Kingsford Funeral Home with tharrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Gardens of Rest Memorial Park

6556 Highway us 2 & 41  
Wells, MI 49894  
(906) 786-0021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Morosini and LeQuia families, Ed and I are sending our thoughts and prayers to you at this difficult time. May your Dad Rest in Peace and be joined with your Mom in Heaven. We are sorry we were unable to attend services. Love Paula and Ed Moyer

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**Paula Moyer** - January 16, 2016 at 05:29 AM

LJ

“ I am sorry to hear about Fuzzy. I used to work at the Negaunee Senior Center, he would come in for cards when he was staying at his daughters. He would light up the room with his bright smile. I always loved the way he dressed, he was always so put together. He will be missed by the card players of Negaunee. - Lindsay Juricek, social worker

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**Lindsay Juricek** - January 14, 2016 at 10:11 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Uncle Fuzz. I sit here thinking of hundreds of memories of our family times. How blessed we were as a family to have Uncle Fuzzy, Uncle Joe, Aunt Rose and Mom to leave us such a legacy of what family should be. There was so much love and laughter when we all got together. Please know that I am thinking of all of you and love you all very much. By the way, the obituary you wrote was just beautiful and so touching. What a full and wonderful life.  
Love, Penny

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**Penny Roberts** - January 13, 2016 at 05:56 AM

CA

“ *Dear Ann and family.  
The picture here on the site is perfect. Just  
how I remember your Dad; smiling. I have  
only fond memories of him. The last time I  
saw him was a few years back he was getting  
into his car behind church. We shared a moment or two and  
departed with a hug and smile. I am sorry for your loss. Cathy and  
Brad Carollo-Neumann*



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**Cathy** - January 12, 2016 at 07:35 PM