



Francis Monette

December 17, 1920 - December 17, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - Francis N. Monette, 86, of W7879 Lake Antoine Road in Iron Mountain, died Sunday, Dec.17, 2006, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born Oct. 8, 1920, in Niagara, Wis., son of the late Frank and Eva (Nault) Monette. Fran graduated from Kingsford High School in 1938. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II and was very proud to have served his country.

On Jan. 17, 1946, he married Alice Bednarz in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death on Aug. 25, 1991.

Fran worked at the Ford Motor Co. and the Galley restaurant on the corner of Carpenter Avenue and Breitung Avenue while he owned and operated three grocery stores in the area, the latest one still operating as Monette's grocery store in Kingsford.

Fran was an excellent craftsman and enjoyed working with his hands. He built several homes including two of his own. He also enjoyed gardening, dancing, and cooking. He was a member of American Martyrs Church and the Carpenter-Crash American Legion Post 363.

He is survived by four sons, Paul (Linda) Monette of Stephenson, Peter Monette of Kingsford, Alan (Ranee) Monette of Iron Mountain and Michael (Frances) Monette of Kingsford; one daughter, Suzanne (Jon) Harry of Iron Mountain; his significant other, Claire Fontecchio of Kingsford; one brother, Gregory (Patricia) Monette of Houghton Lake, lower Michigan; nine grandchildren, Scott and Todd Monette, Kristen Janousek, Nicole and Brandon Monette, Aaron and Alex Monette and Tressa and Marcus Harry and five great-grandchildren, Tia and Tayler Monette, Marleigh and Magdalena McKinnon, and Paige Janousek.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Parish prayers will be recited at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the funeral home, followed by military services conducted by the American Legion Post 363.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home and 10 a.m. at the American Martyrs Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be Scott, Todd, Aaron and Brandon Monette, Marcus Harry and Greg Monette.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family Fran Monette online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Kingsford Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Paul, Pete, Alan, Mike and Suzanne, I am sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. My cousin, Caren Erickson, was the one who called me.

Your father and mother were very much a part of my family's life when my siblings and I were growing up. Our families did a lot of things together over the years-many fond memories of you all.

I wish I could have been there to express my condolences in person, but I reside in the Lansing area and work in the Michigan Senate.

Caren briefly filled me in about how you all are doing.

Take care and may God bless.

As always, Joy

Joy (Erickson) Brewer - December 30, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Rane...Sorry to hear of your loss...My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this sad time...we are spending the winter in AZ so not able to be there to express our sympathies in person...Sincerely...Lois and Bruce Ring

Lois Ring - December 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Pete, sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Carrie Schmechel

Carrie Schmechel - December 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Remembering an old school chum from years and years ago.
You have my condolences and my prayers for his loved ones.

Darlene Schuler Nantelle - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ The Harry Family,
We are saddened to hear of your loss. He sounds like he had a very fulfilling life. We will pray for you and all your family during this time.
Mark, Nancy and Dan George

Mark, Nancy and Dan George - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Monette Family, I am saddened to hear of your loss. Although I only met Brandon's Grandpa a few times I could tell he was a special man. I know he will be missed, especially during this holiday season. Your family will be in our prayers. Sam and Monica

Samuel N Sorensen - December 19, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Peter, sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers are with during this time.

Mike Beauchamp

Michael Beauchamp - December 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM