



Francis T. Paquette

October 18, 1924 - June 22, 2016

Francis T. Paquette, 91, of Kingsford, passed away peacefully on Wed. June 22, 2016 at his home. He was born on Oct. 18, 1924 in Kingsford, the son of the late Fred and Annie (Lachine) Paquette.

Francis graduated from Iron Mountain High School and served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a staff sergeant, 86th infantry in the 10th Mountain Division in Italy. He received the World War II Victory Medal, the American Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal 136th Headquarters, 10th Mountain Division.

He worked at Grede Foundry for several years, until his retirement. Francis enjoyed watching all sports and was an avid Detroit Tigers and Lions Fan. He also enjoyed watching FOX News and voicing his opinion on current events. He made delicious pasties, and was an excellent cribbage player, especially when playing with his friend, Lee, at the Woodward Bar. He was an avid skier and ski jumper with his brothers. They were known as the Flying Paquettes. Francis was believed to have been the oldest living person to have jumped at Pine Mountain. He was also a Golden Glove boxer. Francis was a master woodworker, and had made many household items such as utensils, back scratchers, and foil dispensers.

He married Yvonne Gustafson on July 3, 1965 and she preceded him in death

in 2011.

Francis is survived by his sons Francis "Frank" (Jolynne) of Anaheim, CA, and Dane of Iron Mountain, five grandchildren, four great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Despite the fact that they were all Green Bay Packers fans, he also leaves his dear family at the Woodward Bar. They truly loved him and were his guardian angels, helping him with whatever he needed.

He was preceded in death by his son Daniel, his daughter Sandra, his brothers John "Jack", Robert, Patrick, and Frederick, his sister Geraldine "Geri", and his great grandson Jakob.

Celebration of Life will be Thursday, June 30, starting at 11:30 am at the Woodward Bar in Kingsford.

Condolences to the family of Francis T. Paquette can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **30**. 11:30 AM (CT)

McEarl's Woodward Bar
1106 Woodward Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-2575

Tribute Wall

PM

“Dane and family, Sorry to hear about Fran's passing. It was really interesting to read about his military service. We never heard those boys talk about their war service. They all pretty much kept to themselves. I would really like to be at his celebration of life, but my situation won't allow it. I'm quite sure there will be many stories shared. Know that your in my prayers. Paul

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