



Francis Ryan

November 7, 1920 - September 23, 2003

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KINGSFORD - Francis "Fran" H. Ryan, 82, of 605 Bluff St. in Kingsford, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Fran was born Nov. 7, 1920, in Grand Rapids, Minn. and has been a lifelong resident of this area. He married the former Kathy Willing on Oct. 25, 1941, in Kingsford. He worked for Ford Motor Co. and he was the manager of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Transit Lines. He retired in 1981 after many years with the city of Kingsford. Fran loved traveling and taking care of his cars. He enjoyed bowling, listening to music and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Fran was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Claude and Clara Hughs; a son, Terry Ryan and a brother, Jack Ryan.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy; two sons, Duane (Debbie) Ryan of Iron Mountain and Randy (Renee) Ryan of Quinnesec; five grandchildren, Lisa (Keith) Baldwin of Kingsford; Darren Ryan of Iron Mountain, Kelly (Kirk) Benjamin of Kingsford, Miranda Ryan of Green Bay, Wis. and Mallory Ryan of Quinnesec; seven great-grandchildren, Brad and Kevyn Ryan, Nathan and Nick Baldwin, Brienna Ryan, and Kameron and Kyle Benjamin.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate. Burial will be in the

Quinnesec Cemetery. A memorial will be established in his memory.

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

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.