



## Frank Gendron

June 6, 1918 - June 6, 2003

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP - Frank E. Gendron, 85, of N4075 Bluff View Drive, Pine Creek, Breitung Township, died Friday, June 6, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Frank was born July 16, 1917, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Frank and Mary (Trepanier) Gendron. He was a lifelong resident of the area and graduated from Iron Mountain High School. He married Dean Doris Hewitt in December 1942 and she preceded him in death on Aug. 13, 1963. Frank served in the U.S. Army overseas during World War II. He was the recipient of many medals and ribbons, including the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Battle Stars. He also served 20 years in the National Guard, retiring as a sergeant major. He was also a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Frank was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, berry picking, gardening and most of all, he enjoyed and loved his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Rick and Linda Gendron of Pine Creek, Dr. Toby (Karen) Gendron of Breitung Township, Patti (Jerry) Ayotte of Hermansville and Gail Beauchamp of Pine Creek; his former wife and friend, Gloria Gendron of Iron Mountain; a sister, Lucille Hough of Fayette, Ind.; and 10 grandchildren, Jason and Jared Gendron, Jamie, Erin and Erik Ayotte, Jeremy, Jesse, Joseph, Adam and Kristen Gendron.

Frank was preceded in death by two sons, Terry and Thomas Gendron; three

brothers, Albert, Charles and Joseph; and by one sister, Doris Tedeschi. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The American Legion Post 340 of Hermansville will conduct a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and parish prayers will be recited at 6 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. His grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Condolences may be expressed to the Gendron family online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Our Prayers and Condolences go to the Gendron family. We, too, will miss Spike. Spike was a big kidder---he was always kidding my mother, Isabel -- from childhood right through to adulthood. My first horseback ride was thrilling and memorable because of Spike and his daughter, Patti. I remember making sure to bring my daughter to see Spike who gave her, too, her first horseback ride. Our family vacations to Iron Mountain will always stay in my memory---to see our cousins on the farm and all the Trepaniers were essential every time we visited. We may not be able to make that drive "up north" to see the relatives as often, but our fond memories and love for the Gendrons, Trepaniers and LeMenses will always be in our hearts. With love, Tom and Charlene (Stern) Valeri and Isabel (Trepanier) Stern.

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**Charlene and Tom Valeri, and Isabel Trepanier Stern** - June 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM