



Frank Santini

September 26, 1930 - August 16, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Frank "Fluff" Santini, 74, of Iron Mountain, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born Sept. 26, 1930, in Iron Mountain, the son of Frank Santini Sr. and Marion (Kimichick) Santini.

He married MaryAnn (Costa) on July 10, 1953, at Immaculate Conception Church.

They resided in Iron Mountain full time until their retirement when they wintered in Casa Grande, Ariz.

Frank "Fluff" Santini is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; his son, Steve (Nancy) Santini; daughter, Paula (Albert), Santoni; mother, Marion (Kimichick) Santini; grandchildren, Jenna and Jason Santini, Mario and Anthony Santoni; a sister, Joyce Santini. He is also survived by many close nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Sr., and his brother, Marvin.

Frank attended area schools and graduated from Iron Mountain High School.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War. "Fluff" worked as a miner for 28 years, both underground in Ishpeming and surface mining at Groveland Mine for the Hanna Mining Co.

He served as Dickinson County Mine Inspector since 1985, and because of his knowledge of mining was instrumental in fencing in many dangerous areas and shafts in the area.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Parish, American Legion,

Paisano Club, and was active in the Democratic Party. He also was a former member of the Kiwanis Ski Club and worked hard on fund raising.

"Fluff" enjoyed many hobbies including hunting, fishing, going to Camp Capestrano, gardening, wine-making and was an excellent wild game and "Italian" cook. He also enjoyed his poker nights.

Frank had an intense love for his family, and watched over them with great pride.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home and 1 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Honorary pallbearers will be: Mud Altobelli, Donald Mariucci, Bernard Querio, Ray Cerasoli, Ed Pilot, and Don Danielson.

Pallbearers will be: Dennis Santini, Jason Plemel Santini, Mario Santoni, Anthony Santoni, Mike Altobelli and Tom Schorman.

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

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Frank Santini at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

BL

“ Dear MaryAnn, Paula & Steve,

I was sorry to hear about the passing of "Fluff" and want to express my condolences to all of you. He was surely the type guy that will be missed a whole lot by his family and friends. I have some great memories of Fluff in the ol' Ski Jumping Days.

*Sincerely,
...Brent*

Brent Lindstrom - August 25, 2005 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear MaryAnn and family....Itis with sadness that we send this message of sympathy...you know you will be in our thoughts and prayers. We always enjoyed seeing and being with you both and know that it will be some time before we adjust to his not being among us....Sincerely ...Lois and Bruce

Bruce & Lois Ring - August 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ I wish to express my sympathy to the family. I was a classmate of Steve's and delivered newspapers to the family. Fluff was a pretty neat guy. I remember the traps in the garage and watching him plan Mota. Did he ever lose?

Kelly Mendini - August 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Steve,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Please accept my heart felt sympathy. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you my friend.

Terry Awrey - August 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM