



## Frank Whitford

February 3, 2007

KINGSFORD - Frank S. Whitford, 91, of Kingsford, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007, with his loving wife of 66 years, Marvel, at his side.

He was born on July 25, 1915, in Iron River and was the son of the late Sidney and Louisa (Gilbert) Whitford, who were both from Cornwall, England. Frank was a graduate of Iron Mountain High School Class of 1934.

He married the former Marvel Rouse on March 30, 1940, in Norway. Frank served with the United States Air Force during World War II and was a proud veteran.

He was an active member of the United Auto Workers at the Ford Plant in Kingsford until it closed in 1952. Frank served as a contract negotiator. He and his fellow members are responsible for many of the benefits enjoyed by union members today. Frank moved to Milwaukee and worked at American Motors/Chrysler until his retirement in 1975. His love of Iron Mountain brought him back to the area in 1978, except for the 16 winters he and Marvel enjoyed in Florida.

After his retirement, Frank was an active volunteer at the Iron Mountain VA Hospital and the Niagara Senior Center. He especially loved his role as "Santa" for the senior center and for disabled children. He was a past member

of the Lions Club, Moose Lodge and Golden K. Frank was an avid Packer fan, loved to dance, bowl, play cards and take casino bus trips. He enjoyed his garden until the end. He had many special times with his brother-in-law, "Buddy," the late Donald Rouse. Most of all, Frank had a great love for his family and lived for his grandchildren.

Frank will be remembered for his strong convictions, strength of character and for always being true to his word. He was kind, compassionate and his family enjoyed his quick wit. He and his wife spent the last four months of his life at his daughter and son-in-law's home, a special time they will treasure forever.

He is survived by his wife, Marvel; his daughters, Dawne (Les) Sanders of Winona, Minn. and Sandy (Pat) Notheis of Neenah, Wis.; grandsons, John Sanders of Winona and Jeff (Lauri) Sanders of Waukesha, Wis.; granddaughter, Jennifer (Philip) Bearden of Chicago and great-grandchildren, Jenna, Ryan and Rachel Sanders of Waukesha.

Frank was preceded in death by his brothers, Owen and Bert Whitford.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Frank Whitford online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home is assisting the family with

arrangements

# Tribute Wall

PE

“ *Marvel and the family. Our sincere sympathy goes out to all of you. You will be in our thoughts and in our prayers. We enjoyed our visits with you and Frank, while visiting with our mother, (Jean Montowski)and will remember all the enjoyable memories we had with Frank and you. God Bless. Pat & Bob (Bristol, TN.)*

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**Pat & Bob Engebretsen** - February 10, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Franks passing. It was so nice to live next door to Frank and Marvel,for so many years,in White Birch Village. We had many laughs and good times together. You and your family will be in my thoughts and in my prayers. Jean Montowski (Bristol, TN.)*

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**Jean Montowski** - February 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Frank. He was such a nice person we had met years ago at Jennie Saler's house. We will always remember how nice he was to our children and the fun we had with them at the numerous rummage sales.*

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**Robert & Cheryl Saler** - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Frank. I remember all of our times together , when I was growing up. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Jared, Christina, and Hailey Rochon

*Also, my parents (Bob & Debby), wanted to send their sympathy to you as well. They are currently in Florida, but wanted me to send their love.*

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**Jared Rochon** - February 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ You have our sympathy in the passing of Uncle Frank. We will always remember how happy he was whenever we saw him. He always told us never to get old. He would always look for Wayne whenever Wayne worked at Bob's mobile home park. We will have good memories of him and will be thinking of you, Auntie Marvel, Dawn and Sandy. Love, Gail and Wayne

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**Gail & Wayne Lindholm** - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Frank. He was a great guy. Loved talking to him while I was taking care of him at OakCrest Assisted Living.

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**Jennifer Goudreau** - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We are sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Frank. Our condolences go out to you Aunt Marvel, Dawne, Sandy and all of your family. We have many pleasant memories of Frank and my dad laughing at all their old jokes. Memories last forever. Love Shirley & Nick

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**Shirley & Nick Stathopoulos** - February 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM