



Fred "Palm Beach" Cerasoli

October 14, 1909 - October 14, 2013

Fred "Palm Beach" Cerasoli, 104, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, October 14, 2013 at Hyland Nursing Home.

He was born April 8, 1909 in Verona, MI, son of the late Joseph and Marianina (Gentile) Cerasoli. At the age of three, Fred's mother died giving birth to his sister, Mary who also died 8 days later. In the following months, his twin sisters, Flora and Dora, died within months of each other from pneumonia. Fred, his only brother and two remaining sisters were put into an orphanage because their father could not care for them. After moving from the orphanage in Illinois, the family spent time in three more orphans homes before eventually ending up at the Goodwill Farm in Houghton, MI. While there, Fred witnesses his older brother, Raymond, drown in Lake Superior. The elder Cerasoli moved his three remaining children to the Marquette orphanage where they remained until Fred was nine years old. He had many stories about growing up in Iron Mountain. At the age of 16, he "jumped" a train and went to seek his fortune working in Milwaukee and Chicago. His next adventure took him to Minnesota where he joined a small family run carnival. He spent what he said "was the best year of my life". He returned to Iron Mountain shortly after his 18th birthday. On March 1, 1929, Fred married Sophie Swenski in Iron Mountain and she preceded him in death in 2002 after 73 years of marriage. He had many jobs; the Millimans Hotel, the railroad, Fricks Bakery, City of Iron Mountain, Ford Motor Co., Von Platen Fox,

Cochran Freight Lines, L&L Trucking, Olson Transportation and CW Transport where he retired from in 1973. Fred was instrumental in building the North Side Ballpark where he played softball for many years on various teams. He also played a part in the development of Northside Cable. Fred was in on the ground floor of coaching Little League Baseball. He maintained a large Italian garden passed his 100th birthday. Palm Beach was a well known bowler in the area, carrying an impressive average with several 700 series and two 300 games. After retirement, he took up the game of golf which he did several days a week well into his 90's and carries a lifetime membership to Oak Crest Golf Course in Norway.

He is survived by seven children, Helen Daniels of Milwaukee, Betty (Wally) Beaudoin, Ray (Karen) Cerasoli, Joe (Fran) Cerasoli and Bitsi (Ted) Hamm, all of Iron Mountain, Fred Cerasoli of Traverse City, MI and Mary (Joe) Spigarelli of Iron Mountain; 13 grandchildren, Steve Daniels, Dave (Tina) Beaudoin, Sue (Dan) Edwards, Jim (Robin) Hamm, Jerry (Gwen Jones) Hamm, Anne Cerasoli, Eileen (Jason) Anderson, Laura (Jason) Dempsey, Kate (Dennis) Cerasoli, Jane (Ron) Perttu, Christine (Justin) Hunt, John (Maureen Tyrrell) Spigarelli and Carolyn (Bryan) McGraw; great grandchildren; Mark (Sarah) Oman, Nick (Jennifer) Oman, Joe Oman, Michele Grailer (Troy LaFave), David (Stephanie) Beaudoin, Jacquie Edwards, Karen Proudfit, Robert Edwards, Allison Edwards, Olivia Perttu, Nathan Perttu, Torin Cerasoli, Everett Anderson, Jack Dempsey, Sophie Anderson, Mary Frances Dempsey, Clara Anderson, Mya Hunt, Andrew McGraw, Alyse McGraw and Leya Hunt; great-great grandchildren, Theresa Oman, J. Oman, Alec Henderson, Austin LaFave, and Riley Proudfit; a sister-in-law, Marie (Swenski) Bengry; a brother-in-law, Eugene Swenski; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Sophie, he was also preceded in death by a grandson, Jeff Oman; a brother, Ray Cerasoli; two sisters, Clara Erickson

and Ida Berger; three infant sisters, Flora, Dora and Mary Cerasoli and a son-in-law, Herb Daniels.

Private family graveside services will be held at Cemetery Park with Msgr. James Kaczmarek officiating.

Condolences to the family of Fred "Palm Beach" Cerasoli may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Cerasoli Family, We were so sad to read about the death of your dear father. What a life he lead! We enjoyed seeing him at Hyland when we would visit my mother, Kathleen, who lived next door. We will miss him and visiting regularly with Betty. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Sincerely, Bob and Kitti Costa Colassacco

Kitti Colassacco - October 16, 2013 at 08:50 PM

MV

“ Growing up next door to Fred and Sophie and all our other great (north side) neighbors was a blessing for me and a great influence on the person that I am, My condolences to all of the family and thanks to Palm Beach for all you were and did for my family. God Bless and Keep You
Mike VanLaanen

Michael J vanLaanen - October 16, 2013 at 05:21 PM

BM

“ Only knew him the past 12 years or so, but I enjoyed his stories! He will be missed.

Bryan McGraw - October 16, 2013 at 02:43 PM

TB

“ Da Nort side lost one of the great ones.

Tom Balzola

Tom Balzola - October 16, 2013 at 06:06 AM

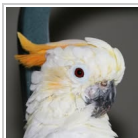
OW

“ Betty and all the Cerasoli family, Harlan and I send our very deep sympathy to all of you in the loss of your dad. We will miss seeing and talking with him when the Golden Throats sing at Hylands again. He was always there to listen and sing along and move his fingers as if playing the piano. What a gentleman: who gave so much to all who had the privelege of knowing him, just by being his smiley, joking, story telling, wonderful self. We will always remember him as a co worker with Harlans' dad at Cochrans, North side kids baseball, and golfing at Oakcrest. God's comfort and love be with you all.



Orice and Harlan Walters

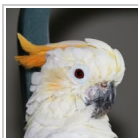
Orice & harlan Walters - October 15, 2013 at 11:13 PM



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Anne Cerasoli - October 15, 2013 at 07:48 PM



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Anne Cerasoli - October 15, 2013 at 07:39 PM

AT

“ I am sorry for your loss. Palm Beach sure lived a full life in his 104 years! Love Annette

Annette (Hamm) Travis - October 15, 2013 at 06:14 PM

DF

“ I'm so glad I was able to see Pa last Thursday. We Corsi kids had a second father in Palm. He was a great neighbor and friend to us and our Mom. Will surely miss him.

My deepest sympathy to our second family.

*Love to all,
Dahl*

Dahly Corsi Bosley - Iron Mountain, MI - Neighbor Friend - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ When my father passed away, Palm Beach (white linen suit) shoveled my Moms walk until he could no longer walk up the hill to our house. Every one should be as lucky as we were to have the 2nd street neighborhood. Palm Beach, Palm Beach, will always be remembered as a second father to me and my family. So sad and sorry for the Cerasoli Family, my sisters and brothers. Love you all.

God Speed Beach.

Ga

Al "Galento" Corsi - The Woodlands, TX - Somewhat of another son - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Please accept our condolences on "Palm Beaches" passing.

Pat and Jack Richtig - Norway, MI - classmate...friend - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Palm Beach may be gone but he won't be forgotten. He was one of the great North Side Guys. I never heard anyone say a bad word about him. He was always laughing and smiling even when he got a split or missed a 3' putt.

Ray Famiani - Kingsford, MI - Friend - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Sorry for your loss...

104 years old!!! He lived a good life!

Jay Schupp - Sault Sainte Marie, MI - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ Our deepest sympathies on the loss of a great man. "Palm Beach and Dad spent many a summers day working with little leaguers. Dad admired Fred as much as any man he Knew. God Bless him.

Olson brothers - Menasha, WI - Brownie's sons - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the Cerasoli family for the loss of their family patriarch. May the happy memories of him comfort you now. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Beth Bray - Iron Mountain, MI - Anne Cerasoli's friend - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM