



Frederick Schuelke

December 20, 1926 - December 20, 2008

KINGSFORD - Frederick H. Schuelke, 82, formerly of 436 Sterling St. in Kingsford, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at the Hyland Nursing Home.

He was born Nov. 15, 1926, in Iron Mountain, son of the late George and Augusta (Radloff) Schuelke. Fred was a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1944. On Nov. 30, 1944, he graduated from the Great Lakes Naval Academy and served as chief petty officer aboard the USS LCI (L) 579, honorably discharged in 1946.

Fred married Diane Erickson on June 4, 1949, in Iron Mountain. She preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1994, exactly 14 years ago to the day.

He began his business career selling auto parts for the Atco Distributing Co., a company he founded. Later he was hired at U.P. Electric as a salesman and eventually became one of the owners, serving as the general manager. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He loved to golf and was an avid Packer fan. Fred played baseball in his younger years and was known to be one of the best shortstops in his day. He coached Kiwanis Little League and also coached his daughters' softball team. Fred was inducted into the U. P. Little League Hall of Fame. He was a member of American Martyrs Church.

He is survived by six children; Brian (Sally) Schuelke of Spread Eagle, Wis., Shelley (Paul) McDermid of Green Bay, Wis., Scott (Vicki) Schuelke of Homestead, Wis., Lisa (Scott) Edlund of Iron Mountain, Wendy Schuelke of Kingsford, and Becky (Jerry) Pugh of Quinnesec; one brother, George Schuelke of Green Bay; one sister, Virginia (Robert) Stevenson of Marshfield, Wis.; seven grandchildren, Cory Schuelke, Melissa (Bryan) Hyska, Lacey (Tim) Wilson, Justin Schuelke, Heather Pugh, Chad Schuelke, and Matty Pugh and two great-grandchildren, Bryson and Baylee Hyska.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeff Schuelke on Sept. 11, 2002.

Friends may call today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and 10 a.m. at the American Martyrs Church. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be Justin Schuelke, Scott Edlund, Jerry Pugh, Paul McDermid, Tim Wilson, and Bryan Hyska.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ To Fred's family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My dad was a friend of your father and I remember our Friday fish fries at the C and R bar. Fred and some of his family and my dad and I were regulars. A few years ago, they both became residents of Hyland Nursing Home about the same time and sat together for dinner. Maybe they are catching up on old times now! My prayers are with you. He was a wonderful man!

Alice (Brosio) Reed - January 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I saw Fred nearly every day for several years at Hyland Nursing Home. He was a fine man who always tried to make me laugh in his own way. Even though he could not speak I could easily tell he was a very good man.

Safe journey, Fred.

Greg Petrus - December 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ This is truly a sad occasion. I work for Fred at UP Electric. He was a great boss. I learned quite abit about the electrical wholesale buisnees from him.

He wiil be missed.

Chris Ritzenhein - December 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM