



## George Fornetti

November 1, 1921 - December 15, 2010

George “Chin” Fornetti, 89 of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. He was born on November 1, 1921 in Iron Mountain, son of the late James and Anna (Manko) Fornetti. He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain. George graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1940 where he was a member of the 1939 U.P. Class B Basketball Champs. He was an U.S.Army veteran of WWII. On April 19, 1952, George married Angela Laurich in Goodman, Wisconsin. George worked for the Iron Mountain Police Department and the U. S. Postal Service before retiring.

George was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of the American Postal Workers Union and a life member of the D.A.V. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a strong family man and especially loved his grandchildren.

He was an avid Iron Mountain Mountaineer fan and was named “Fan of the Year”. He never missed any of the children’s or grandchildren’s sporting events or school events.

George is survived by his loving wife of more than 58 years, Angela Fornetti of 513 W. Spring St. Marquette, MI 49855

His four children, Mary Lou (favorite son in-law, Pat) Gingras of Champion, James (Winnie) Fornetti of Iron Mountain, Timm (Mary) Fornetti of Iron Mountain, Steven Fornetti of Fowlerville, MI; one brother, Donald Fornetti of Breitung Twp.; three grandchildren, Danny Fornetti (Sarah Cempel) of Mokina IL, m Matt Fornetti & Brooke Fornetti, both of Iron Mountain; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Monday at 11:00am at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Special Needs Unit @ Jacobetti Home for Veterans, 516 Fisher Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of George "Chin" Fornetti at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
500 Blaine St.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

CT

“ *To the Fornetti Family,  
Growing up on the Northside as a youngster I would always see Mr. Fornetti & he would wave & at that time I thought he was a GIANT, He was always so friendly....Blessings to you all..*

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**Carrie jo Nelson Mellinger - TX** - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Chin was part of my growing up. He and my dad (Walter) were friends and we all shared the outdoors, especially fishing. Everytime I saw Chin, we would start laughing. It was that easy with some of the events in the woods. The funniest was fishing the Fence River. We always walked cross country to a place upstream. One day when we were climbing a hill we ran into a bear at the top, face to face. I was looking through Chin's legs as I was last in line; that is, until my dad chased him down the hill. Will never forget that. Sorry to hear the gentle giant is gone. Dennis Rahoi*

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**Dennis W. Rahoi - Iron Mountain, MI - good friend** - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Jim & Winnie and Families and Friend's. You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of such a wonderful Gentleman. Please cherish the great memories.  
You are in our thought's and prayer's*

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**Dick & Gail - Friend** - December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Steve,  
Sorry to hear about the passing away of you dad. You and your family will be in our prayers.

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**Doug DeVries - Ann Arbor, MI - Co-worker of Steve** - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ I got to meet and have lunch with Chin a few times. My father is Grant Franson, who was one of Chin's high school classmates and played on the championship basketball team with him. He was a good friend of my dads and I know he was very sad to hear of his passing, as was I. My dad looked forward to their Wednesday lunches at Bimbos. I often tried to plan my visits home to visit my dad around a Wednesday so I could have lunch with my dad, Chin, and Clem Feira. They would talk about the "olden days" as if they happened yesterday. It was a lot of fun listening to them. Clem always had a smile on his face. He was a very sweet man. My deepest condolences to the Fornetti clan--I'm sure all of you have lots of wonderful memories.

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**Sue Neuville - Green Bay, WI - acquaintance** - December 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I was so sorry to hear that Uncle George passed away. I know he will be missed dearly by the family! His warm and infectious smile is a memory of him I will keep in my heart forever! Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Prayers for peace and comfort,

*Kris (Rummel) Lakenen and Family*

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**Kristine Lakenen - Marquette, MI - Mary Peronteau's granddaughter** - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Angela and family,  
George is greatly missed. He always had a smile and a note for us.  
Somedays our favorite time was 4:30 pm and seeing Mary at the  
door. (ha ha) We will also miss your families visits to the unit. Our  
thoughts and prayers are with you.  
The SNU pm shift. Lynn, Hope, Sue, Linda, Jenny.

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**Special Needs Staff - Marquette, MI** - December 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Steve, sorry to hear about your dad. Our heartfelt condolences go  
out to you and your family at this difficult time in your life.

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**Mike and Darlene Fedewa - Canton, MI - Friend of Steve Fornetti** - December 18,  
2010 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ We were greatly saddened to receive word of Georges passing. Our  
sympathies go out to all of the Fornetti family.

*Lenny and Bonnie Wise*

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**Lenny and Bonnie Wise - Fowlerville , MI - Rriends** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00  
AM

MF

“ OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU MARY AND TO YOUR  
HUSBAND PAT AS WELL ON THE LOSS OF YOUR DEAR  
FATHER. WE READ ABOUT HIS LOSS IN THE MINING JOURNAL  
YESTERDAY AND KNOW YOUR DEAR FATHER SHALL BE  
MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM . OUR  
SYMJPATHY TO ALL OF HIS FAMILY AND ESPECIALLY TO  
YOUR MOTHER. MICHAEL AND MAXINE DENOFRE SR.

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**Michael and Maxine Denofre - ishpeming, MI - friends** - December 18, 2010 at  
12:00 AM

GP

“ Jimmy, Read in the Mining Journal where your Dad passed away. My condolences to you and your family,including the favorit son-in-law. I still look with fondness on the year I spent in Iron Mountain. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Sincerely,

Gordy LeDuc

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**Gordy LeDuc - Marquette, MI - Friend of Jimmy and Pat - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

AW

“ My deepest sympathy to you and your family in your loss. The loss of a parent or parent -in Law is heartbreaking - but may memories of your loved one bring you a little peace. My heart aches for you. And my prayers will continue for your healing.

Ann

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**Ann Adams - friend of Winnie's - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

VW

“ My deepest sympathy to the Fornetti family in your time of loss. You will be in my prayers.

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**Vikki Stephen - Friend of Winnie - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ *My deepest sympathy's to all the Fornetti Family:*

*I had the pleasure of plowing snow for the City and I plowed in front of "Chin's" house. He was always so appreciative of everything and always wanted to give me sodas. I used to run into him ice fishing and at the ski jumping tournaments. He always had that great big smile and a warm story. It was a pleasure knowing him.*

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**Jau Goudreau - Niagara, WI - snow plow driver & fisherman** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ *Mary Lou and Family,  
Thinking of you and keeping your family  
in my prayers during this difficult time.*

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**Patti Amicangelo-Campbell - Chesterton, IN** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family in your loss. The loss of a parent is devastating, and you have endured so much over the last few years, my heart aches for you.*

*Thinking of you all,  
Michelle*

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**Michelle Peterson - Gwinn, MI - Mary & Pat Gingras' cousin** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Fornetti Family:

*Please accept my deepest sympathy. I originally met George when he would come into The Miller Agency in Iron Mountain where I worked. I always enjoyed visiting with him. He knew my father from years ago and then we really became friends. I'll never forget that big smile and he always had a story to tell.*

*Mary Lou (Kenny) Baldrice*

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**Mary Lou Baldrice - Henderson, NV - Friend** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Mary Lou and family,  
*I am sorry for your loss. I remember your Dad as a very kind man...and he used to tease, too. May many happy memories warm your hearts. I'm thinking my Mom will be welcoming your Dad to the Newcomers Club:)*

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**Carol Jeske - Menominee, MI - Friend of Mary Lou** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *My most heartfelt condolences to Steve and the entire Fornetti family.*

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**Dennis Scheunemann - Howell, MI - Steve's Monday Nite golf partner** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Fornetti Family,  
We are so sad to hear about George. I will always remember him at family gatherings. Weddings, graduations. and he always had a big smile. He always got a kick out of Danny and Toni playing with the marble game at the Laurich house in Goodman when they were little. He would laugh and laugh at the two of them. We will remember him with a smile.  
Love to Auntie Angela, Mary Lou and Pat, Jim and Winnie, Danny & Matt, Tim and Mary, Brooke, Steve.

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**Bernie Draxler Laurich - Appleton, WI - married to George's nephew - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JM

“ Jim - I was so sorry to read about your father passing away, you have our deepest sympathy.

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**Joanne (Gustafson) & Allen Shangle - Gaylord, MI - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JT

“ To The Fornetti Family; We are so sorry to hear of "Chin's" passing. He went to school with my Mom, Anne Spigarelli, and he was always such a wonderful and "happy" person! He was at my Mom's funeral and his happy memories of their childhood brought a smile to all our faces! Jon and I wish to express our deepest sympathy to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers!

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**Jon & Kathy Thekan - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ To the Fornetti family,

*I knew George from my time working at Econo during high school. I remember waiting for him on my Sunday morning shifts so that we could chat about football and whatever else came to mind. I will never forget when he brought me all the newspaper clippings with any mention of me highlighted and a note saying that he was proud of me. I will never forget the chats, the friendliness, and support he gave. My condolences to his family and friends.*

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**Josh DeGroot - Friend** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ It was always a pleasure to see Uncle George when the family got together. He had the greatest smile and was always happy to see everyone. When the Laurichs and Fornettis got together there was much laughter and joking around and George was right in the middle of all of it.

*That's what I will remember most.*

*Lots of love and best wishes to Auntie Angela, Mary Lou & Pat, Jim & Winnie, Timm & Mary, Steve, Danny, Matt, and Brooke.*

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**Jeff Laurich - Appleton, WI - Nephew** - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM