



George M. Pera

March 23, 1930 - April 22, 2022

George M. Pera, 92, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022.

He was born on March 23, 1930, to Konsta and Hilma Pera and was a life-long resident of Kingsford, Michigan. He married Eleanor Corsi on February 18, 1957.

He is survived by his children Diane (Jack) Johnson, Judy Janssen, and Matt Pera; his grandchildren Andrew Glawe, Michael Johnson, Jeffrey (Lauren) Johnson, Paige (Alex) Bauman, and Alex Pera; and his great-grandchildren Jaxon Glawe, Scott Johnson, and Elea Johnson. He is also survived by his sister Mila Hook and his brother-in-law Joe (Sandy) Corsi and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor, his daughter, Patricia (John) Freeman, his grandsons Daniel Rochon and Peter Johnson and his siblings Mauno, Martha, William, and Vic.

George was a multi-talented, humble man who was an accomplished ski jumper, a skilled artist, and a well-respected Kingsford police chief for many years. He was inducted into the National Ski Jumping Hall of Fame in 2015. He enjoyed entertaining the community as a member of The Follies, the George Pera Trio, and the Golden K. He served as a teleman seaman in the

U.S. Navy from 1950 until 1954.

George loved children. He played Santa for his family for many years as well as for a variety of places in the community. He had an amazing memory for jokes and stories. He loved a good joke and entertained his friends by telling many (including the occasional off-color one). He remembered jokes that were years old and seldom told the same one twice.

Visitation will be held 10:00 am - 11:00 am on Thursday, April 28, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Military honors by the U.S. Navy and Uren-Anderson-Cooper Post 50 will be conducted at 11:00 am, followed by funeral services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences to the family of George M. Pera may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
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Funeral Service

APR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Dear Mila,

I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. My sister Linda knew him well from when she worked at City Hall. She said George was always singing and had a beautiful voice. I talked with him a time or two when I stopped to see Linda. What a wonderful man!

I don't know if you remember me from School but we shared Art class together and hung out some. Somehow we lost touch which I regret, but I hope maybe we can reconnect. Time is slipping away from all of us and I would love to be able to catch up with you again.

MY # is 906-774-9186 and if you call listen to the message and then press # and it will le you through. Again my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

May God bless.

*Your friend,
Mary Beth (Nelson) Weber*

Mary Beth Weber - May 01, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ Hello Diane, Judy and Matt, Im so sorry to hear of Uncle George's passing. I would have liked to have been there for his services but didn't know until today that his services were actually today. I apologize. I have so many fond memories of him. Our families spent so much time together as i was growing up and i always looked forward to our get togethers. He had a great sense of humor and always made me laugh. He also always asked about me and was genuinely interested in what i was doing and my interests. I'll always remember him fondly. I pray that God will sustain all of you during this difficult time with fond memories of him.

Thinking and praying for all of you,

John and Julie Beauchamp

John Beauchamp - April 28, 2022 at 08:05 PM

MP

Thank you John. This is Matt. I always enjoyed hanging out with you, playing football and wrestling in your back yard. My dad always had good things to say about you. You were always a great athlete as well as a man.

matt pera - May 08, 2022 at 05:01 PM

ME

“ Judy, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. George was a wonderful man and a shining example for anyone fortunate enough to know him. I was always happy to share March 23 with him. Love and prayers Mark Edens

Mark Edens - April 28, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George M. Pera.*



April 27, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *My deep sympathy and prayers to Mila and George's family. I knew George before I knew Bill who was married to my husband's mother. And I saw him go off of Pine Mountain Ski Jump many times. He was remembered today at Golden K where he was an active member for many years and sang with the Golden Throats. God's love and comfort be with all.*
Orice Walters

Orice Walters - April 25, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *Condolences to Judy and family. George was very well respected in our community. Praying for comfort.* *Paula Johnson*



Paula Johnson - April 25, 2022 at 06:35 PM