



## George Voelker

October 22, 1915 - October 22, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - George R. Voelker, 91, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed on to eternal life on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2006.

George was born on June 28, 1915, in Alpha, to the late George and Elizabeth (Minnick) Voelker. George served in the United States Coast Guard and was discharged in November 1945.

He married his wife, Emma, on Aug. 23, 1943, in Milwaukee. George and Emma resided a short time in Milwaukee and California before moving back to Iron Mountain. He is a retired postal worker who loved gardening, camping, traveling, whittling, painting, spending time with his family and in his shop, and playing cribbage with his wife.

George is survived by his wife, Emma; his daughter and son and their spouses, Darla (Ed) Ashenbrenner of Two Rivers, Wis. and Bruce (Kristen) Voelker of Ann Arbor, lower Michigan; six grandchildren and their spouses, Travis (Christina) Ashenbrenner, Bryan (Amanda) Ashenbrenner, Tari (Christopher) Otradovec, Adrienne Voelker, Kyle (Julie) Voelker, and Morgan (Adam) Jeffrey; great-grandchildren, Elle, Maeve, Connor, Kevin and Jacob. He is further survived by three brothers and their spouses, Wayne (Corinne) Voelker of Kingsford, Harold of Pembine, Wis. and Herbert (Penny) of St.

Petersburg, Fla. and sister-in-laws, Vivian Voelker of Alpha and Gloria Voelker of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William and Glen; a sister and brother-in-law, Faye and Walter Krajewski and a sister-in-law, Bertina Voelker.

Friends may call at Trinity United Methodist Church, 808 Carpenter Ave. in Iron Mountain, on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

The service will be held at the church at 12 noon with Pastor Debbie Thomas officiating.

Burial will be in the Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

God looked around His garden And found an empty place.

He then looked down upon the earth, and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful,

He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on Earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough and hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered, "Peace Be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

AV

“ I thought I might share this with anyone who cares to read it. I was visiting Dad and Mom (Bruce & Kris) in Mexico when Grandpa passed. I wrote this a couple of nights later when we were all back in Michigan.

peace & love,  
Adrienne

*the drop of a hat will get me crying and I don't mind one bit. I want to cry. His smile - my favorite its permanently etched in my mind. Grandpa's smile. I finally took a vacation... I should have gone to visit. I'd have made it just in time to say goodbye. It's so easy to be too busy. He probably wouldn't have remembered if I was there. Instead I was in Mexico when i heard. Everything happens for a reason. In the rush to get home I flew through the heavens with him - a moment to reflect and cry. Grandpa's smile. I could say something trite like it lit up the room... in reality it lit up my heart. Grandpa's smile, like a child up to no good. Grandpa's smile let me know that while he couldn't see, walk, or do anything for himself his spirit was still there. Now his spirit has escaped. It's free. He's free.*

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**Adrienne Voelker** - November 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Bruce and Kris and family, I am so sorry to have read of your loss. My husband and I were visiting Margot and I just was catching up on our news when the obit. caught my eye. It has been a long time since the kids played together and you lived at Moon Lake. We still remember those good times. My prayers are with you. In sympathy,

Alice Reed

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**Alice (Brosio) Reed** - November 05, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Darla,  
Thinking of you in this time of loss. You and your family are in my  
prayers.*

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**Marilyn Bertoldi Swiontek** - October 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I used to work at Maryhill and I loved  
working with him. He was a wonderful man with lots of stories. He  
would keep us laughing at work. I am sorry. May God bless his sole.*

*Nicci Spade*

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**Nicci Spade** - October 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Bruce and Darla,  
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I'll always remember his  
kindness and gentle way. He and Emma were always so nice. I can  
picture his smile as I write this..*  
*Phil & Julie johnson*

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**Phil Johnson** - October 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM