



Gerald Taff

July 24, 1923 - July 24, 2013

Gerald A. Taff, 90, of Randville, passed away on , July 24, 2013 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center. He was born on November 28, 1922 in Florence, WI, son of the late Dewey and Charlotte (Sternhagan) Taff. Gerald graduated from Kingsford High School in 1941. Following his graduation, he joined the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Theatre of Operations during WWII as a Radar Man aboard the USS Pensacola CA-24. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy he returned to this area and worked for Ford Motor Company in Kingsford and later worked for a number of local construction companies. Gerald started Taff Construction with his sons in 1970. He married Alice Hodgins on December 14, 1991 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain.

Gerald was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 363 of Kingsford and the Disabled American Veterans. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, carpentry, gardening, making maple syrup and having breakfast with the guys. He especially enjoyed special times spent with his family and friends. Besides his parents, Gerald was preceded in death by his step-father George Lindgren; his in-laws Vernon and Hannah Hodgins; a brother Everette Taff; a sister Alice Meyer, brothers in-law Ken Meyer, Paul Hodgins and Tom Hower; his son Kenneth Taff, and a great granddaughter Elaina Taff.

Gerald is survived by his loving wife, Alice; sons, David (Rachelle) Taff of Iron Mountain, Paul (Karie) Taff of Kingsford and Dickie (Valerie) Burby of Quinnesec; daughters, Carol (Gary) Nelson of Iron River and Jennifer (Lance) Maley of Carlisle, PA; grandchildren, Brent (Angie) Nelson, Michelle (Bill) Beth, Shane Nelson, Jeff (Chantel) Taff, Jaime (Brian Gholston) Taff, Brian Taff, Kelly (Chad Bianchi) Taff, Kasey (Jim Bowman) Taff, Tommy Taff, Travis Taff, Amber Miller, Austin Burby, Aubree Burby, Caden Rush and Hannah Rush; great grandchildren, Dustin, Alyssa, Cassity and Braden Beth, Dakotah, Paige, Payton Armbruster and Jackson Taff; sisters in law, Verna Hower of Kingsford, RuthAnn (Henry) Badini of Iron Mountain and Marge Hodgins of Kingsford.

Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00am Monday, July 29th at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church . Funeral services will follow at 11:00am Monday at the church. Rev. Lee and Rev. Lori Liverance will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Gerald Taff may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

FW

“ *Dave, Rochelle, and family:
I was very sad to hear of Gerald's passing. I remember being by his place with Dave a number of times. He always seemed to be a very nice man. It is my prayer that the void will be filled with many memories of all the good times. I hope to see you soon. Take care.
God Bless,
Fraser*

Fraser Kranz - Goodman, WI - July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Alice,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sorrowful time. May our Lords' Grace give you peace and comfort.
Patti & Bob*

Patti and Bob Forgette - Iron Mtn, MI - Friend - July 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *My first memory of Gerald is of when we met over 25 years ago. He was a gentleman. Our last visit with Gerald and Alice, he was still the same gentleman, standing we came into the room and greeting us with a smile. He seemed content that he had his wife at his side, and to share some of the stories from way back when.....thanks for the memories!*

Jerry and Mary Romitti - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - July 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Gerald was a wonderful man who was well liked by everyone that knew him. We will miss him in church every Sunday. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family. May God help you through this time of sorrow. Sincerely, Dave and Carol Christesen

David & Carol Christesen - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends - July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and may god's loving grace be with you and yours at this time. Bobby and I are sorry we won't be able to attend but please know if there's anything we can do please let us know. I'll never forget his kindness and love for life or his maple syrup. I also grateful for the special impact you both have made in Bobby's life.

Sami Powell - Belvidere , IL - Friends - July 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM