



Gervais LaMarche

December 6, 1924 - December 6, 2004

"Gervais LaMarche"

IRON MOUNTAIN - Gervais G. LaMarche, 80, of 508 Quinnesec St., Iron Mountain, died Monday, Dec. 6, 2004, at the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Gervais was born Feb. 15, 1924, in Hurley, Wis., the son of the late Albert and Elizabeth (Gardner) LaMarche. He graduated from Hurley High School in 1941 and went on to complete two years at Gogebic Community College.

Gervais was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He married Ruth Reid on May 3, 1948, at St. Ambrose Church in Ironwood.

Gervais worked as a self-employed interior decorating contractor for many years until retiring in 1989. He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church and sang in the choir. Gervais was past post commander of the Ironwood American Legion Post 5, a member of the Carpenter-Clash American Legion Post 363 and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; a son, Tom (Gwen) LaMarche of Goodyear, Ariz.; five daughters, Mary Pat LaMarche of Wausau, Wis., Elizabeth LaMarche (Larry Klein) of Kincheloe, Maureen (Rick) Paquin of Iron Mountain, Annette (Ron) Alleva of Anchorage, Alaska and Kay (Mark) Shawbitz of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.; one brother, Willard (Crystal) LaMarche of Norway; 17 grandchildren, Patrick, Marissa, Erik, Angela, Teri, Lori, Jaime, Nick, Tony, Jacques, Jesse, Aron, Jasmine, Jordan, Daniel, Kevin and Kara; and seven great-grandchildren.

Gervais was preceded in death by a son, Reid LaMarche; three sisters and four brothers.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday at 9 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will officiate.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Ironwood.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Gervais LaMarche online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JP

“ Cyril was married to my mother Ruth Wynhoff's sister. When I was a little girl I spent lots of time with Cyril and Gwen and thus new Gervais. I have only vague memories but they were all good so when someone sent me the obituary I wanted to send my condolences. I will be praying for you all during this hard time. He is now with God.

Jinny Purcell

Jinny Purcell - December 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Grandma and Family,
I miss Grandpa Gerv very deeply. It's very awkward not having a grandpa. I cried so much and miss my "dead horse" very very very much. He was close. I'm very sorry the family has to go through hard times near the Holidays but we're strong:)He's still with us in spirit but in a better place.

Jasmine Alleva - December 27, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Betty and family,
I am so sorry to hear about your Dad. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Would like to hear from you and how you all are doing.
Your Friends, Laura and Dennis

Laura Cook - December 25, 2004 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Ruth and Family--So sorry to read about Gervais's passing. Chuck and I always thought alot of Gervais and you. Chuck really enjoyed painting with Gervais that one summer, he respected him alot. Our condolences and prayers are with you.

Love Chuck and Patti LaMarche and Family

Chuck and Patti LaMarche and Family - December 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My condolences to you and your family Annette on the passing of your father. I hope you find comfort in each other and the rest of your family.-- John Pozega, originally from Ironwood, Michigan, Luther L Wright class of 1976, currently in Gales Ferry, Connecticut

John Pozega - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ To the family of Gervais LaMarche,
Our deepest sympathy for your loss of Gervais. I knew Gervais for many years as our Mautz paint rep. He was a great salesman.

*Paul Forslund
Forslund Building Supply
Ironwood, MI*

Paul Forslund - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Aunt Ruth and all my cousins,
I think you know how deeply saddened I am by the passing of my very favorite uncle. I'm mortified that I didn't call last week when I was thinking of him. I know his last few years were difficult for you, and for all of us, but it didn't diminish my love for him, and will not tarnish many fond memories.

Jay LaMarche - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Dear Ruth and cousins: I was so sad to hear that my very favorite Uncle "Crow" died. From way back when, Ruth, I remember that your wedding was the first time I was ever admitted to grown-up company and I thought that you and Uncle Gerv were just the most handsome and romantic couple ever! I will cherish my memories of him; he was such a hero to me.

Love,
Babe

Andre Carlson - December 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My heartfelt condolance to you, Ruth, and your family. A special mass will be said for Gerv in Bonneau, HAITI. You may find some comfort in a couple of pictures I will try to attach to this eMail. Love. Gib

PS Photos not accepted. Sorry.

Gilbert Endrizzi - December 08, 2004 at 12:00 AM