



Henry Chi" Pozza

May 13, 2012

Henry "Chi Chi" Batista Pozza, 83 of Iron Mountain passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2012 at his home. He was born on May 9, 1929 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Henry and Edna (Warner) Pozza. He attended the Iron Mountain schools, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1947. Henry enlisted in the United States Army in 1951. Sergeant First Class Henry Pozza, received the Bronze Star for Meritorious Achievement in ground operations against the enemy, December 5, 1951 -August 26, 1952. Sgt. First Class Henry Pozza served in the 45th Infantry Division-Intelligence, #2 in his class of 28. He was Honorably discharged on the 25th day of 1957. Upon returning home, Henry went to work for the Commercial National Bank. While with the bank, he attended the University of Oklahoma and the University of Wisconsin-Madison to further his education. He retired from the Commercial National Bank in 1991 as the Sr. Vice President. Chi Chi married the former Jeanette Eutizzi on September 1, 1956 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and spent nearly 56 wonderful years together. He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain.

He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Rotary Club, the local V.F.W, and the Dickinson Area Bocce Association where he served as Treasurer for many years. Chi Chi served on the Housing Commission for more than 20 years. For many years he was the Financial Advisor for the Carmelite Monastery. He also belonged to the Sons of Italy and the Italian Club. He was Citizen of the Year 1988 to 1989. He

served proudly on the Iron Mountain School Board for 34 years, holding every position on the Board. He also served on the Intermediate School Board from 1989 to 2001. He was always proud to be a Mountaineer. He was a football coach for the Junior High School team for three years, and was undefeated and not scored on, winning the City Championship. He also coached UCT Little League Baseball and grade school basketball. Chi Chi loved to teach sports to the youth of our city. As a young boy he was an Alter server under Msgr. Pellissier at a time responses and prayers were said in Latin. He was a past member of the Paisano Club. Chi Chi loved his tomato garden, going to camp, deer hunting, berry picking, playing bocce, and the bus trips to watch Tom Izzo's Michigan State Spartans play. He loved Notre Dame Football. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Pozza.

Henry is survived by his loving wife, Jeanette Pozza of Iron Mountain; a son, Stephen (Elena) Pozza of Grand Rapids, MI; his daughter, Terese (John) Barry of Charleston, WV; grandchildren, Libby, Tommy, and Maria Pozza and Ann and John Barry Jr.; a brother, Jerry Pozza of Iron Mountain; a sister, Marilyn Balzarini of Iron Mountain; Sisters in-law, Julie Eutizzi of Iron Mountain, Marie Balzarini of Arizona; Brother in-law, Nick (Carol) Eutizzi of Seattle, WA; numerous nieces and nephews
He lived for his family, and did it his way. Sempre Famiglia.

Visitation will be held from 10:00am to 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. The funeral Mass will follow at 12 noon at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Pallbearers will be his son, Stephen Pozza, his grandson, John Barry Jr., his cousin, Bob Knoke, and his good friend, Ted Pucci.

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

Condolences to the family of Henry "Chi Chi" Pozza may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 12:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EF

“ *Dear Jeanette,*

So sorry to hear of Chi Chi's passing. What fond memories we have of the two of you when we "were young and gay". God bless you and your family in your sorrow.

Ede and Chuck Radloff

Ede Dulan Radloff - San Diego, CA - friend - May 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *My sincerest condolences to Jenette, Steve, and the Pozza family.*

Henry and Jenette were always so kind to me. Thank you for that. You looked so happy whenever I saw you together.

I worked with Henry at Commercial National Bank when I was about 20 years old. Henry was always in a good mood, never missed Rotary, and loved being on the school board. He walked to work, to home & back for lunch, and then home from work everyday that I can remember.

We opened the mail together every morning. I picked up the heavy mail bag at the post office, walked through the parking lot across the street covered with black ice, usually five minutes late and Henry would always say "Good afternoon Ruth". He made me call him "Wonderful Chi". He is one of the nicest people that I have ever worked for, and I am 53 years old now. I am so sorry for your loss.

May fond memories of Henry comfort you in this time of sorrow. Big hugs, Ruthi Felts

Ruthi Felts LaurilaRuandboo - Iron Mountain, MI - Employee - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I met Chi Chi only once, but knew him through John Barry. He was a good man, through and through. Proven in combat, a dedicated banker, a pillar of the Iron Mountain community, and, most of all, a devoted husband and father--Henry Pozza was a rare leader who will be missed. He leaves big shoes to fill. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this most difficult time.

James Barry Family - Bedford, NH - Brother of son-in-law - May 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Aunt Jeanette, Terese and Steve, and your families...sending our thoughts and prayers to you! Our hearts are with you!

Joelle Pozza-Shreves - Burke, VA - Niece - May 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ I have alot of memory of your two famlys BBQ at is house that was fun. My dad louis worked with him at the bank so many people used that bank. Thank you for all you and your family has done
God Bless Henry Pozza

Patrick Smith

Patrick Sith - ron Mountiam, MI - My dead dad friend - May 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ What A grea t person. I was blessed to have known a great person. Mr. Pozza will truly be missed.

Chris Menza - DeLand, FL - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ *My sincere sympathy To Jeanette and family. Wishing you peace and comfort at this most difficult time. Thoughts & prayers, Eunice Pozza(Mrs Joe Pozza)*

Eunice Pozza - Treasure Lake, DuBois, Pa 15901, PA - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Mrs. Pozza and family,
I am the daughter of Sally Huron Larsen who was a classmate of Mr.Pozza. She spoke so fondly and very highly of him when they would be involved in the high school reunions during the summers. I wanted you to know that.. My thoughts are with you.
Shelby Merckx*

Shelby Merckx - Florence, WI - May 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *While I only met Chi Chi a few times, I feel like I really "know" him, based on all the wonderful stories Steve has told me over the years. Sorry for your loss.*

Jay Martin - East Grand Rapids, MI - Friend of Steve's - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *'Chi-Chi' was one of the friendliest guys who truly loved his Italian heritage and being a Mountaineer. He was an example to many by how much he gave back to his community in many ways. We are sure his family and many friends will miss him. Our sincere condolences.*

Joe & Ann Crispigna - Escanaba, MI - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ I will always remember how proudly Stephen spoke about his dad and the Iron Mountain area. His dad certainly made a great impact to his family and those around him.

Al Yanosik - Grand Rapids, MI - Friend of Stephen Pozza - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ We express our sincere sympathy to Jeanette and family for the loss of our beloved cousin Chi Chi. He was the leader and inspiration of the tradition of the Pozza family. The Pozza song will long be remembered and sung by all of the Pozza family. May he rest in peace and may God be with the family at this time

Robert G. Pozza and Family - Kenosha, WI - Cousin - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mrs. Pozza, Terese, Steve.....

I am so very saddened to hear of Cheech's passing. Please know that you are in my families thoughts and prayers.

Today and for always I will have nothing but found memories of Chi Chi, the visits I had with him at Pine Hill Lodge and of what a great man he was.

Take care and God Bless,

Keno and family

tom giachino - luxemburg, WI - friend - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Jeanette and family, my deepest sympathy on "chi chi's: passing. I am so or sorry but I will be unable to join you for the funeral due to an earlier commitment but you will be in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.
Allan Dighera

Allan Dighers - Kingsford, MI - friend - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ What can you say about a guy like Chi Chi? A lot but there isn't enough space to get it all in. Chi Chi over the years was a great guy just to know who he was. His community involvement is without equall. He gave back to the city, the kids and the community and the world is a better place because of Chi Chi. I remember graduation day at IMHS in 1970. As I walked across the stage and recieved my diploma, I passed where Chi Chi was seated on the stage. he said "good going Gregg" just a few words but I'll never forget that moment because I had had difficulty with school. My own family or friends didn't say that much to me. Thanks Chich!! Rest in peace my friend!!

Gregg Ball - Mesa, AZ - friend - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Mrs. Pozza, Steve, Terese & family;

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Pozza and all of you at this most difficult time. I will not be able to attend the Mass or visitation tomorrow as I will be in Milwaukee on business. I have fond memories of the sincere support that we Mountaineers received from Chi Chi while in high school and every time I would bump into him after graduation. The question of, "How are you doing Bubba?" coupled with his genuine smile always brought me back to the memorable high school years.

Heaven is a better place today now that it's greatest Mountaineer is home! You have my deepest sympathy and are in my prayers.

*God Bless you,
Bubba*

Jeff Michaud - Iron Mountain, MI - friend of the family - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I was 6 years old when Chi Chi graduated from high school. It is with fond memories that I remember the Pozza family of Fairbanks Street. So sorry for your loss. We lived on Kent Street and were part of the neighborhood kids. It is the end of an era. My sincere sympathy to all of you.*

Martha (Nicholls) Schinderle - Portage, MI - 25 location neighbor - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Fondest Memories. Thoughts and prayers from California*

John Pozza - Temecula, CA - Nephew - May 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM