



Herbert Etten

June 2, 1922 - June 2, 2012

IRON MOUNTAIN - Herbert W. Etten, 90, of Iron Mountain, died Saturday, June 2, 2012, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born on April 16, 1922, the son of the late Paul and Theresa (Leick) Etten.

Herbert served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his discharge from the Army, he reenlisted with the U.S. Air Force and worked as a recruiter, in Appleton, Wis. and Marquette. Herb was a "military man" and served his country for 30 years. After his retirement, he worked for the Michigan Employment Security Commission in Gladstone.

Herb was a professional musician and began playing the accordion in Polka bands at the age of 13, retiring in 1990. Herb was the most proud of the fact the he played the accordion solo on the regional hit "We Go Green Bay," which his son Bill wrote and produced.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Air Force Military Sergeant's Association, and the Elks. Herb was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. While residing at the VAMC, he enjoyed playing Bingo and talking to others while riding on his scooter.

He married Hazel I. "Rose" Scheller on June 28, 1947, in Kaukauna, Wis. The couple enjoyed spending their winters in the south. She preceded him in death on April 24, 2012.

Herb is survived by three children, William (Carol) Etten of Negaunee, Daniel Etten of Big Bay and Janice (Jerry) Koch of Kewaskum; five grandchildren, Nick Etten of the Phillipines, Heather Koch of Fond du Lac, Wis., Danielle (Steve) Etten Collick of Petoskey, Mich., Karen Koch McElhatton of Hartford, Wis., and Joseph (Jami) Koch of Hartford, Wis.; six great-grandchildren, Olivia McElhatton, Jordan Koch, Elliot Etten, Emma Collick, Lauren Koch, and Carter Koch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Norbert Etten and one sister, Agnes Muehlmann.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Robert Mueller will officiate.

Burial will be with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the caring staff of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center.

Condolences to the family of Herbert W. Etten may be expressed online at ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

JUN 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ On behalf of my mother, Erma (Etten) Platteter and my family, I lift you up in prayer. May God bless you in a special way. Dale Platteter

Dale Platteter - Bedford, IN - 2nd cousin - once removed - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Bill, Dan, Jan and families
Sorry to hear about your loss. We have many pleasant memories of your mother and dad
Cliff

Cliff Meulemans - Chicago, IL - nephew - June 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ On behalf of the staff of the Community Living Center at the Oscar G. Johnson, I would like to extend our deepest sympathy. It was a pleasure knowing and caring for "Herbie"! Please know that your family is in our thoughts. I, personally, will never forget Herbie listening to "We Go Green Bay" in the mornings when we used to be located on the 6th floor. It brings a smile to my face.

Selena Okler - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Bill, Dan & families -*

Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing; and so soon after your Mother. I recall your parents from brief visits through the Escanaba area, and remember them as generous and kind folks, as they were very accommodating to characters such as Rob & myself. Our condolences to you my good friends and all the Etten families.

Regards, Kurt & Susan

Kurt Simandl - Marquette, MI - friend of Bill & Dan - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Herb, was a good friend of my parents, Tiger and Jackie Baumann, we had good times with him and your Mother in Gwinn, Mi. I will always remember them as a fun loving couple. We all send our heart felt wishes to you all. They both are together again in God's Loving Arms. God Bless. Love, Tiger, Jackie, Mike, Cal Baumann and Bonnie Baumann Purvis*

Bonita Baumann purvis - Austim, TX - Friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Dan sorry to hear about your dad.x*

Tom McInnis - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VO

“ *Dan, my sincere condolence to you and your family on your loss.*

Vito

Vito Carello - OKC, OK - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Thinking of you all in the recent loss of your mom and now your dad. I still have fond memories of when you first arrived in Marquette and came over to our house on Lynn St to visit. I remember your house on Lake St. in Marquette and hanging out with Jan there and on the beach nearby. Your folks always were "famly" to me too, and understood the Air Force life of moving and meeting new people. I can picture them with my mom and dad and with Tiger and Jackie Baumann, all of them in their Airstreams having a good time. Love you all and please stay in touch.

Joan (Ekdahl) Haara - Michigamme, MI - friend of the family - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Dear Bill, Dan & Janice,

My thoughts are with you this evening. Your Dad was part of the biggest decisions I made as a young man. I was living in Mamaroneck, New York in 1966 when I got my draft notice. My physical was at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn and I was scared stiff I would end up in the Army. I phoned your Dad the day after my visit with the Army and he assured me he could get me into the Air Force. He let me know when the Air Force test would be conducted so I could make it home in time. Short of the story is I made it in and the rest is history. I'll never forget the day at Sheppard in Texas when I was marching through "Noon Review" and turned and saw him and your whole family sitting in a car. He was a kind man who I hope is resting in peace.

Chuck

Chuck Langlos - Cherry Hill, NJ - Friend - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Bill, Carol & Family,
Our thoughts are with you and your family. Many fond memories of
your Dad and Mom over the years. Please know that we are here
for you. With love, Patti & Fred*

Patti & Fred Tibbitts - Marquette, MI - friends - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *I had the honor to work under Herb's supervision for a couple of
summers at the MESC (both in Escanaba and the office out by the
Buck Inn). He was a great guy all around. I respected him greatly.
My sympathy and condolences go out to his family.*

Bill Morin - Kentwood, MI - Co-worker - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM