



Howard Farragh

March 19, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN- Howard W. Farragh, 88, of Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

He was born on June 8, 1919, in Marquette County, son of the late William and Flora (LaCost) Farragh. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served as a sergeant during WWII, seeing action from 1942 to 1945. He spent all three years overseas seeing action in Papua, New Guinea, Bismark-Rarchia, the Philippines and Luzon. He served with 321st Bomb Squad and was a member of the 907th Bomb Group. He had six overseas service bars symbolizing his three years overseas. He also received the Asiatic-Pacific Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Dist. Unit Badge, and the Philippine Liberation Medal with one Bronze Star.

After being honorably discharged, he married Margie LaRouche on Oct. 20, 1945, at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Howard worked first for Ford Motor Co., and then for the city of Iron Mountain, retiring on Jan. 1, 1980. He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the V.F.W., and the American Legion Post #50.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, and was a devoted husband, father,

grandfather and great- grandfather. He was preceded in death by a sister, Bella Dishaw.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 63 years, Margie; son, David (Donna) Farragh of Iron Mountain; grandson, Scott (Dawn) Farragh of Marquette; three great-grandsons, Devin, Kolton, and Bradon Farragh all of Marquette; step grandson, Eric (Tracy) Erfourth of Minnesota; one brother, James (Marlene) Farragh of Bessemer; two sisters, Betty Leonard of Crystal Falls, and Geraldine Perry of Minnesota; special sister in-law, Betty Pirlot of Iron Mountain; and nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 24, 2008, from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at noon at the church. Fr. Daniel Moll will offer the Mass of Christian burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Honorary pallbearers will be his nephews Frank Opolka and William Opolka, Mike Pirlot, Jeff Pirlot, Steven Perry, great nephew Brad Coe. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Howard W. Farragh on line at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ Dear Donna,Dave, Scott, and family and Betty Pirlot, I am so sorry about the loss of your dad, grandpa, and brother in law, I haven't seen you all since my daughter Nicole and your son Scott graduated in 93,I have since remarried and moved to Mn. since that time, I hope all will be well, and God be with you at this time. So sorry I didn't find out sooner, I went on the internet and read the paper, and was very shocked.God bless you all. Maureen(aka Julian)@Chuck Pasten

Maureen @Chuck Pasten - May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Margie and Dave, Bob and I send our sincere sympathy on the death of Howard. I remember you with such fondness, Margie, as the lady that let me play secretary in Dad's office. Howard always had a smile and kind word for me growing up. Although we haven't seen each other in years I wanted to let you know what a poitive impression you and your family were on my growing up years. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

MarthaNichollsSchinderle - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Dear Dave, Donna, Scott, Dawn, Devon, Kolton, and Bradon:

I was so sorry to read about the death of your dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. Hopefully, knowing he is in a better place, pain free and resting at peace at last will comfort you in this time of sorrow. I know that this is little consolation when you are grieving, but belief in God and heaven has helped me in my times of sorrow.

I am very sorry that I will not be able to make it to the wake or funeral. I have to work on that day. I wish I could be there for you as you were for me. Please give me a call sometime so we can chat. You have my prayers.

Love--Amy, Tia, and Levi

Amy Fiorucci - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Margie & Dave & Family. We were so sorry to hear about Howard, you have our deepest sympathy.. May he rest in peace now. Take care and God Bless you all.*

Rudy & Susie Piatti - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF MR. FARRAGH. JAMES AND ALETA BRINKER SEND THIER SYMPATHY AT YOUR TIME OF SORROW. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN YOUR TIME OF LOSS.*

*WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY
JAMES M. BRINKER
ALETA K. BRINKER*

JAMES M. BRINKER - March 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM