



## Irving Olsen

Irving G. Olsen

KINGSFORD - Irving G. Olsen, 85, of 1864 Mary's Way, Kingsford, formerly of Escanaba, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green bay, Wis.

Irving was born on May 5, 1918, in Homestead, Wis., the son of the late Einar and Ruth (Mild) Olsen. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1935 and from business school in 1938.

He served with the United States Army for four years during World War II and was honorably discharged as a captain with the Transportation Corps.

He married Wanda Gross on Jan. 10, 1942, in Aurora, Wis.

Irving began his working career with Kalamazoo Stove and Furnace in sales and later as Upper Peninsula district manager until 1942. Transportation was to remain his interest for many years as he joined the Cochran Freight Lines in Iron Mountain in 1947 as operations manager and then had the same responsibility with Clairmont Transfer. He moved to Escanaba in 1964 to become the executive vice president and general manager of Clairmont. In 1973, Irving retired as vice president and general manager after 25 years with the company.

After retirement, he worked part-time in public relations for the State Bank of Escanaba and later as industrial relations representative for the Escanaba Foundation.

Irving was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Iron Mountain. He

was active in the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce while in Iron Mountain and the Delta County Chamber of Commerce in Escanaba. He had also worked on fund-raising drives for a variety of charities.

He was active in the Masonic Order including the Consistory and Shrine. He was past president of the Wisconsin Trucking Association and past president of the Chippewa Club. His family was his life. He enjoyed remodeling, carpentry, skiing and golfing. He had a hole-in-one at the Lake Bluff Country Club in 1997.

Irving was preceded in death by two sisters, Arlene Olson and Doris DeClark. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; his sons, Glenn (Judy) Olsen of Coudersport, Pa., Gary (Debbie) Olsen of Escanaba, Greg (Julie) Olsen of Strongsville, Ohio and Gene (Colleen) Olsen of Manitowoc, Wis.; a brother, Roland (Judy) Olsen of Iron Mountain; a sister, Carol (Lloyd) Pryor of Kingsford; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March and Rev. David Anderson will co-officiate.

A memorial will be established in his memory.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Irving Olsen online at [www.erickson-rochon-nashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ I WORKED AT CLAIRMONT TRANSFER IN CHICAGO IL AS A SPOTTER  
I AM NOW RETIRED IN CHEROKEE VILLAGE ARKANSAS  
IRVING OLSEN WAS A NICE MAN TO WORK FOR  
MAY HE REST IN PEACE  
BILL WELLER

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**BILL WELLER** - August 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Wanda and family - I was saddened to receive the news of Irving's death -- he was a wonderful friend to me during our high school years. My sympathy goes out to you and your family. Irving will be missed by many. Sincerely, June.

*June Casperson, Palm Valley, Texas*

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**June (Kennedy) Casperson** - April 05, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Wanda and boys,*

*We are sending our prayer and condolences to you all at the home going of Irving.*

*With fond memories, I recalled the many times of taking care of the boys and cleaning house for your family....and always appreciated the gentle spirit of Irving.*

*May the Lord give you strength for each day as you continue on.*

*love & prayers,*

*Lowell & Carol Peterson (Harry & Myrtle Broullire's daughter)  
Long Prairie, Minnesota*

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**Lowell & Carol Peterson** - January 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We would to extend our thoughts , prayers and deepest sympathies to the Irving Olsen family, his brother and sister.*

*The Knabenshue Family  
Redding, California*

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**The Knabenshue Family** - January 16, 2004 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dear Wanda and family,  
So sorry to know of your loss. Irving and Wanda were across-the-street neighbors to me for a number of years and I enjoyed our visits. Keeping you in thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barb Snyder** - January 13, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Olsen family. You are and will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ron & Yvonne Orbeck** - January 10, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To the family of Irving Olsen:  
Sending sympathy to you & yours in your loss this week of Mr. Irving O.  
I met him when I was doing Teamsters' Union work at Clairmont Transfer Company. I remember when Mr. Freeman retired & Mr. Olsen came to take his place. He was experienced & respected in the trucking industry & well liked. You may have also known "Zac". You don't know me so I'm not including my married name, but did want you to know that I'm thinking of you. My dad, step-mother, & her sister also live at Kingsford & knew Irving. I will call & tell them that he passed away. We're sure he will be missed!  
"Life's beginning is like a sunrise ...  
and its ending is like a sunset."  
May your many memories and the love & care of your friends be a comfort to you at this time!

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**Judy A., former Clairmont clerical worker** - January 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Dear Family of Irving G. Olsen,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of Irv. He was a dear friend of mine and I too will share the loss. May the loving memories you hold dear be your strength today and throughout the days that follow and may God's love and peace and our sympathy shower over you all.

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**William F. (Sharon) Gilbert** - January 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ Dear Wanda,

*Carl and I read the Escanaba Press every day on our computer and we were saddened to read tonight that Irving passed away.*

*We would like to express our sympathy to you and your family.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carl and Marilyn Olson*

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**Dr. Carl and Marilyn Olson** - January 09, 2004 at 12:00 AM