



Jack Gingrass

January 23, 1922 - January 23, 2010

IRON MOUNTAIN - Jack L. Gingrass, 88, of Iron Mountain, died Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain with his family at his side.

He was born on Aug. 27, 1921, in Marquette, son of the late Paul and Grace (Zerbel) Gingrass. His mother died when he was two and Jack was raised by Paul and his stepmother, Marie.

Following high school, Jack attended Northern Michigan University and later served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II. Jack owned and operated Standard Printing Co. for many years, retiring in 2008.

He served as state representative for the 109th district for 14 years, on the Iron Mountain City Council for several years as well as holding the position of mayor for the city of Iron Mountain for eight years. Jack also served 15 years on the Dickinson County Hospital Board, four years on the Lake Superior State University Board and six years on the Michigan Department of Transportation board.

The following organizations which Jack was a member of benefited from his dedication and spirit of service: the First United Methodist Church, Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber Ambassadors, charter member of the Iron

Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club, founding board member for Northwoods AirLifeLine, the American Legion Post 50 and the Elks Club.

1921-2010, Jack filled his dash by being a kind, loving, generous son, brother, husband, uncle, cousin, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. A friend summed up his life by saying, "Jack was a truly good man who never lacked in sharing love, encouragement and humor. He was a sweet teaser who made people feel special." He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Jack is survived by two daughters, Shari (Dan) Wallner and Mary (Ray) Henderson and two sons, Robert (Peggy) Gingrass and Jack (Sue) Gingrass, all of the Iron Mountain area; a brother, Paul (Betty) Gingrass of Iron Mountain; 10 grandchildren, Ashlee Buchanan, Jared (Stacy) Buchanan, Alicia Wallner, Tony Wallner, David (Star) Henderson, Christy Henderson, Alexis (Tony) Vicenzi, Jennifer (Brett) Nepper, Samarie (Jason) Goudreau, and Ulysses (Theresa) Gingrass; 11 great grandchildren; and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Betty (Jenkins), the love of his life; a brother, Bob Gingrass; and two sisters, Sally Duffy and Carol Juhl.

Visitation will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow Friday at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Peggy Paige will officiate.

Burial will be at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Memorials will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Jack L. Gingrass can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Jack was my four children's uncle. Their father was Paul gingrass 11 and his son is Paul gingrass 111

Doris gingrass middleton - May 15, 2016 at 08:56 PM

GS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Jack will be missed by many. I feel privilaged to have known him.

Gene & Marge Schiavo - January 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ in remembrance of jack gingrass

Joey & Ruth Marotz - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ On behalf of my Mother Marjorie Rydholm Fries (Jack's counsin) and I we would like to offer our sincere condolences on your loss and the loss of a wonderful man to all. We last saw Jack at my Mom's birthday party near Marquette, 3 years ago and we were hoping to see him again but that was not to be. We will always remember his kindness, wonderful personality and great sense of humor. Our thoughts are with you.

Jackie Menhennick - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ To all my cousins and aunts and uncles - Vance and I share your loss. Uncle Jack was like a father to us four Juhl girls when our dad died 33 years ago. His love and humor were a huge part of our lives. I will miss our wonderful, informative and entertaining political discussions. He and I agreed on almost everything. He loved giving all the Republicans (everyone except Vance and I!) in my family a bad time. We had such good laughs. And did he love his ice cream. Yes, he and Aunt Betty and Mom and Dad are all sharing some now. Love and hugs to all my Michigan family. God Bless. Missing you, Hunka Unka. Love, Mumbles...

Chris and Vance Love - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Shari, Mary, Bob, & Jack
I am so sorry to hear about Jack. I have missed seeing him at the hospital these last couple of years. Jack always gave me a big hug everytime we ran into each other. I am truly blessed to have had Jack as a friend. He will be missed.

Debbie (Person) Krokstrom - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Shari - Jacks great humor will be missed.

Bless you and all family members

Jess Pike - January 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We will certainly miss Jack's sparkle at the Lions club meetings. I know he's sharing a bowl of ice cream with Betty now though!!

Lynne & Scott McClure - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *Mary & Ray & family:*

So sorry to hear about your father. Although we didn't know Jack personally, we've heard so many good things.

If we don't get down your way Friday, we send our sympathy and may God comfort you in your time of loss.

Alan & Nancy Larsen - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *MARY, BOBBY, JACKIE AND SHERI,*

YOU HAVE OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON YOUR FATHERS PASSING. I GREW UP KNOWING HE AND YOUR WONDERFUL MOTHER AND ALL THE GREAT TIMES THAT THEY HAD WITH MY MOM AND DAD AND ALL YHE LIONS AND ELKS. THEY ARE MISSED BY ALL AND ARE NOW TOGETHER AGAIN. OUR PRAYERS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

LEE AND BOBBI LOFSTROM, WITCH LAKE AND MICCO, FLORIDA

JACK GINGRASS - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *bob and family-so sorry to hear about you loss. he will never be gone from your hearts and souls. you and your family will be in my prayers*

geri gardiepy (pringle) - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Our Prayers & Thoughts are with you.*

Theresa & Gary Majewski - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ To the Gingrass family, We are so sorry to hear about your dad, and grandfather... God bless you in this time of sorrow. Maureen Julian Pasten and family

maureen pasten - January 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TU

“ I remember Mr. Gingrass from when he was a member of the Lake Superior State University Board of Trustees. My boss, Terry Sweeney, who was secretary to the board, spoke highly of him. We're sorry for your loss and feel fortunate to have known Mr. Gingrass.

Tom Pink, Lake Superior State University - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Jackie and Shari So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Jack was one heck of a nice man.
He will be miss deeply by all that knew him.

Sandy Pukall - January 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ I am so sorry to hear about Big Jack. He was a great boss and friend. I will cherish the many good times we enjoyed in the last 24 years. I am sorry to be unable to make the service but send my love and hugs to each and every one of you.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time.

Love, Jill and Nick Romagnoli

Jill Romagnoli - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Mary, Bobby, Jackie and Shari, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. My memories of you and your parents are with great fondness as your baby sitter and next door neighbor on B street I feel a loss of an old friend of my folks and a good neighbor from years ago. Take care and remember all the good things as time goes on. Anne*

Anne Erickson Hulce - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Mary, Bobby, Jackie and Shari*

From my family to all of yours, we are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Jack has affected so many generations in a good way. He was a very kind man and we wont forget him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow. God Bless You All

Sheree Gauthier - January 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Jack's passing. He was such a great man, always a smile on his face and such a wonderful sense of humor. He touched so many lives and enjoyed a long and productive life. He will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Dave and Judy Pohlod*

David and Judy Pohlod - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY*

lori and greg maas - January 25, 2010 at 12:00 AM