

## James R. Carefelle Sr.

October 30, 1921 - March 17, 2018

James R. Carefelle Sr.,

96, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday March 17, 2018 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

James was born October 30, 1921 in Gulliver, MI, son of the late Joseph and Nan (Wahlfors) Carefelle. He was a graduate of Manistique High School and following his graduation joined the United States Army. Jim served during WWII from 1942 to 1946. He received the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal, the American Theater Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Star and the Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged as a Technician Third Grade from the 3127th Signal Service Company in 1946. Jim married Marion Shirk on October 27, 1951 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. The couple moved to this area to raise their family in 1958. Jim spent his entire working career with the Iron Workers Union Local 8 and retired in 1986. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Iron Workers Local 8. Jim was also a dedicated 20 year volunteer at the Iron Mountain VA Hospital.

He is survived by his children, Jo Ann Richer of Iron Mountain, Terri (Joaquin) Brown of Austin, TX and James Jr. (Terri) Carefelle of Bonney Lake, WA; grandchildren, Jesse (Kelly) Richer, Curt Richer, Melissa Richer, Nick Carefelle, Candice Carefelle, Katie (Charlie) Hooder, J.R. Carefelle III, and Beau (Kenidy) Carefelle; five great grandchildren; a sister in law, Sadie O'Neil

and many loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Marion on April 30, 2008 and three sisters.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 10:00am to 11:30am CST at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:30am CST on Saturday at the church. Rev. Geri Hamlen will officiate.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at the VA hospital for the professionalism and compassionate care given to our dad over the years.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of James Carefelle online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24.** 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
808 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

MAR **24.** 11:30 AM (CT)

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808 Carpenter Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall


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“ *My condolences to Terri and the Carefelle family. Jim was always a gentleman. Thoughts and prayers sent to you all. Creston*

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**creston carlson** - March 27, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers for you in the loss of your dad and grandfather. You were blessed with wonderful parents. I cherished their friendship as golfers at Oak Crest GC and especially a couples group, as well as your Mom and our time together in Iron Mtn/Kingsford Womens Club. We had good times together and for a time as sort of neighbors on the west side. Jim has already been welcomed into the arms of Jesus and your Mom's too. God comfort each of you as only He can.*



*Orice Walters*

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**Orice Walters** - March 25, 2018 at 04:55 PM

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“ *Jim and Family. I want to send my condolences to you and your family. Remembering all the goodtimes your father gave you all will surely lighten your reflecting times. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Scott Pancheri*

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**Scott Pancheri** - March 22, 2018 at 06:35 AM