



## James Tirschel

September 15, 1927 - September 15, 2004

"James Tirschel"

IRON MOUNTAIN - James W. Tirschel, 77, of 1411 W. Ludington St., Iron Mountain, died, Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004, at William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison, Wis.

Jim was born on Dec. 25, 1926, in Chicago, son of the late William "Dutchy" and Ann (Grailer) Tirschel. He has been a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain. Jim was a graduate of Iron Mountain High School and served during World War II with the United States Army.

Jim has been married to the former Faye Gustafson for more than 50 years. He owned and operated Jimmy's Bar, the Niagara Lanes and Chickies Bowling Alley in Iron Mountain. He worked many years for the Milwaukee Railroad and retired as the conductor who took the last run of the Milwaukee Road out of Iron Mountain.

Jim also worked for the past several years as the crossing guard at the Central School. He was always taking care of everyone else and doing something for somebody. Jim loved working as the crossing guard and seeing the kids every day.

He is survived by his wife, Faye; a daughter, Gaylyn (Al) Ziehm of Kingsford; a sister, Geri (Tony) Loverich of St. Paul, Minn.; three grandchildren, Kyle (Amy) Ziehm, Sonya (Jerry) Hamm, and Michael Tirschel; seven great-grandchildren, Joe Paul Plourde, Jennifer Massicotte, Daniel, Alyssa and Drew Ziehm, Karen Proudfit, and Nathaniel Tirschel; and one great-great

grandson, Weston.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Tirschel and a granddaughter, Kelly Loar.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Dr. Meredith Rupe will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dane Paquette, Kyle Ziehm, Brian and Eric Gustafson and Michael Tirschel.

A memorial will be established in his memory.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

DH

“ To The Tirschel family, especially Michael James and Sonya, I am sorry to hear about your loss. Although I never met him, Michael James talked alot about him and Faye. I am hoping that you can celebrate what a wonderful man he was during this loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

God Bless,  
Love,  
Dee Hoffmann-Groom

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**Dee Hoffmann-Groom** - August 26, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ I don't remember meeting James but by what people write about him makes me wish I could sit on the corner where he directed the children and talk to him. I bet he was a kind man. My father Lyle was born in Iron Mountain and was the son of Joseph Tirschel. My father talked a lot about a "Dutchy's Tavern" and when I was young we visited and stayed with someone who was a railroad conductor. I believe his wife's name was Ann. I came across the news of James much by accident on the web, but he's a Tirschel and I send my love to the family.

Richard Tirschel

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**Richard Lyle Tirschel** - December 04, 2004 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the Tirschel family, may God help you through this difficult time. I just wanted to let you know that my daughter, who goes to DACS, said she would really miss him and that he always told them what was for lunch. Whenever I drove by the school, he seemed to really enjoy being around children, and I am saddened that he won't be stopping traffic on A street in his orange vest anymore. God bless him and your family.

*Sincerely, Julie Diercks & Family*

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**Julie Diercks** - September 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Faye, Jennifer and family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will always remember "pops" and the wonderful man he was. Thank you for all the years of memories. I will truly miss him. Love you.

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**Mindy Cook** - September 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Hi I used to be a custodian at the central school and I seen Mr. Tirschel on a daily basis. We had some great conversation and he was always happy, you could tell he really enjoyed what he was doing.

*I am very sorry to hear of his passing, I will miss his waves as I go by the school and his teasing me about my bug deflector on my truck saying "wingnut". He got a kick out of that.*

*He was a real asset to the young students at Central and was a inspiration to me. he will never be forgotten by me. May my prayers help you through this time of greiving and may god bless him as he has blessed all that came in contact with him.*

*Sincerly Patrick Bazan*

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**Patrick Bazan** - September 20, 2004 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the family of Mr. Tirschel:

*Please accept our sincere condolences on your loss. My family had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Tirschel since all of our children have attended Central School since they were in Kindergarten. He will be especially remembered for his friendly smile and positive influence he had on all of the children. His happy attitude will always be remembered, he always brought a smile to my face, even when my day wasn't going that well. God bless him and your family, he will be remembered in our prayers.*

*Sincerely  
Mrs. Janice Jahnke*

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**Mrs. Janice Jahnke & Family** - September 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Faye and family, we want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Dennis and Laura Cook*

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**Dennis and Laura Cook** - September 17, 2004 at 12:00 AM