



Jay Jennings

March 30, 1915 - March 30, 2008

CRYSTAL FALLS - Jay C. Jennings, 93, of Jule Lake Road, Crystal Falls, died Sunday, March 30, 2008, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Jay was born on Feb. 16, 1915, in Hudson, Mich., son of the late Jay and Ethel Jennings. He graduated from Hudson High School in 1933, and from Michigan State University with a degree in bacteriology in 1942. Jay served in France as a lieutenant in Signal Corps with the United States Army during World War II.

He married the former Luciel Carlson on Oct. 18, 1952, and she preceded him in death on March 6, 1996. Jay worked for 17 years at the State Health Department Lab in Lansing. He transferred to the Health Department Branch Lab in Powers in 1963. Jay was the director of the Powers Lab for 15 years, retiring in 1978. He was active in the Boy Scouts and was a Scout Master in Haslett, Mich. and Gladstone. Jay received a scholarship to the Philmont Scout Training Center in Cimarron, N.M. for outstanding leadership in scouting, church, civic and other community organizations.

Jay served as a member and president of the Haslett School Board, Order of the Arrow, American Radio Relay League, Bacteriologist Association, Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity, Golden K and the First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed canoeing, gardening, fishing, hunting, traveling and camping with his

grandchildren. He especially enjoyed operating his HAM radio.

He is survived by his sons, Chuck (Judy) Jennings of Iron Mountain, Bill Jennings of Crystal Falls and Robert (Julie) Jennings of South Milwaukee, Wis; two sisters-in-law, Pat Carlson of Crystal Falls and Margaret Benson of Orlando, Fla.; six grandchildren and 11 great- grandchildren.

In addition to his wife Luciel, he was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Jennings and a sister, Jean Spalding.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

Memorial services will be held at 12 noon at the church. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences to the family of Jay Jennings can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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