



Jerry Tuomela

January 20, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - Gerald "Jerry" Tuomela, 81, of Iron Mountain, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, in Chandler, Ariz.

He was born on Jan. 6, 1927, in Ishpeming, the son of the late Emil and Ina (Maki) Tuomela. Jerry was a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Kingsford High School. He was a former ski jumper with Kiwanis Ski Club. He served with the United States Army in the Korean War. He was also very proud of his years of construction on the Mackinac Bridge from 1954-1957.

Jerry married Alice Turk on Feb. 27, 1960. Jerry and Alice owned and operated Twin City Cleaners for more than 35 years. He was an avid golfer and a member of Pine Grove Country Club for 48 years. He was a devoted Packer fan. Jerry loved spending his winters in Arizona with all of his Arizona friends.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Alice of Iron Mountain; sons, William Tuomela of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Robert (Mary) Tuomela of Breitung Township; daughter, Connie (Gary) Jacobson of Breitung Township; grandchildren, Mallory and Taylor Jacobson, and Krista and Eric Tuomela; great-grandchild, Jacob; his sister, Nancy (Roy Isaacson) Swanson of Ishpeming; brother-in-law, Gene (Gwenyth) Turk of Chandler, Ariz.; mother-in-law, Bella Turk of Kingsford; and several nieces and nephews and his special

friends, Dick and Helen McKenzie of Kingsford.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m Thursday. Pastor Stephen Cowen will officiate.

A gathering of friends and family will be held after the service at Pine Grove Country Club in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Bill Tuomela, Bob Tuomela, Eric Tuomela, Gary Jacobson, Gene Turk, and Dick McKenzie.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a contribution will be made to Northwoods Airlifeline in Jerry's memory.

Condolences to the family of Jerry Tuomela may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DL

“ DEAR ALICE, CONNIE & GARY, WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JERRY. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU. WISH WE COULD BE THERE TO GIVE BIG HUGS. MISS YOU ALL AND WILL SEE YOU IN THE SPRING. LOVE, DAR & LARRY LARSON

DAR & LARRY LARON - January 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ Dear Grandma Alice, Connie, Gary, Pinky, and Taylor- I just wanted to let you know that my thoughts and prayers are with your whole family. If I could send you some hugs I would. I know Grandpa Jerry will be greatly missed. One of my favorite memories is still the weekend of "Mayonnaise" and Packers vs. Vikings...I remember Grandpa Jerry smiling when I was "welcomed" in. I am sure he is still smiling about those Packers up in heaven!! Lots of love, Laura

Laura Reinke - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ I am out of town and unable to attend the services today, but wanted to extend my sincere condolences for your loss!!! I enjoyed being around Jerry immensely and he brought such joy and inspiration to so many. You all can feel very proud and celebrate the wonderful life he led, and the positive attitude and personality he evoked on all who knew and loved him. Love to all of you!!!
Robyn, Alexa and Dane

Robyn Nord - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Alice and Family It was with sadness we learned of your loss....He was a great guy and will be missed by many...Our stay in AZ prevents us from doing this in person but want you to know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you at this time...Sincerely...Lois and Bruce Ring

Bruce and Lois Ring - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Connie, We are holding you and your family in our prayers during this time of loss. My own parents are in Arizona at this time and I am sure it has been tragic to bring him home this way. My heart goes out to your mom as she takes one day at a time to write the next chapter in her book. God is with you and he is Good! Love Sharon, Lauren and Steve.

Sharon Ray, Steve Smith, Lauren Smith - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ Mallory and family...My deepest sympathies.My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and always.May all the happy memories be of comfort to you during the difficult days ahead. Nicole Becker and family

Nicole Becker - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I and my family would with heartfelt sadness send our thoughts and prayers to the Tuomela family in this time of sadness. I have know Bill for many years being stationed with him at Peterson AFB Co. and worked with him in civilian world. Although it is never easy loosing a loved one such as a parent i hope that you all can take comfort that his journey home has only just begun. Bill and to rest of your family, may peace be with you and many heart felt prayers help you at this time. Your Angel will be looking over you each and every day. May God Bless you and guide you through this difficult time.

*Mike Berkey and Family
Colorado Springs Co.*

Mike Berkey - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Alice, Connie, Gary, & Family, Sorry to hear about Jerry. We know how so very special he was, and how well taken care of he was by his family after his illness. Time seems to heal the heart slowly. The precious memories you have of him will last forever.

Kent and Jean Ann Pearson - January 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ DEAR ALICE AND FAMILY,

WE WERE SO VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT JERRY. YOU HAVE OUR PRAYERS AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY. OUR THOUGHTS WILL BE WITH YOU ALL DURING THESE TRYING TIMES.

*BOBBI AND LEE LOFSTROM,
MICCO, FLORIDA*

LEE & BOBBI LOFSTROM - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ To the entire Tuomela family - Please accept our deepest sympathies during this difficult time. You are all in our prayers. The Gering Family

Jim & Donna Gering - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Tim Mueller

Tim Mueller - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Tuomelas, I cannot tell you how very saddened I was to hear this sad news. I hope that you realize that you are surrounded by love and prayers during this time of grief. I will keep you in my thoughts as you traverse this sad experience and period of loss.
Cheryl Wender-Menghini and family

Cheryl Wender-Menghini - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Tuomela Family, Please accept our deep sympathy during this trying time. Losing a loved one is never easy. Take solice in the fact Jerry is in a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. God Bless. Chuck, Carol, and family.

Chuck and Carol Couch - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I'll never forget the time Mr. Tuomela was riding around in the golf cart at Mamala Bay with his lovely wife watching Bill and I golf. I was having one of those bad golf days and I made him belly laugh several times during the round. I can still hear him laughing. Aloha.....

Ski, Cathy, Michael, and Ashley

The Loeschke's - January 23, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ To the Tuomela Family - Our deepest sympathies during this very difficult time. Words cannot say enough. We hope our thoughts being with you all bring a small amount of comfort.

John and Kelly

John K. Lenon and Kelly L. Cahalan - January 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM