



John DeGrave

January 10, 1916 - January 10, 2007

Iron Mountain - John S. DeGrave, 91, of Iron Mountain, died on Wednesday January 10, 2007 at Manorcare Health Care Systems in Kingsford. He was born on March 21, 1915 in Gladstone, Michigan, son of the late Henry and Margaret (Jacques) DeGrave. He served in the United States Army during WWII with the 10th Mountain Division. He married Mary Giannunzio on February 4, 1941 at the St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 15 years, and then as a carpenter for Joiner Construction Company for another 15 years.

John was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, a life member of both the V.F.W., and the American Legion Post #50, and also a life member of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He built houses on the side for many years. He built bird houses and enjoyed woodworking. He also loved hunting, fishing, and gardening.

He was preceded in death by brothers Jule, Hubert, Lawrence, Harold, and Clifford DeGrave.

John is survived by his wife of nearly 66 years, Mary
2 daughters, Kathryn (James E.) Anderson of Niagara, and Nancy M. Reimer of Sterling Heights, MI
Grandchildren Jamie M. Anderson, John (Becky) Emery and Robert Emery, and Michelle (Tyson) Chamberlain

Great grandchildren, Tyler and Cheyenne
Brothers and sisters Rose Verley of Arkansas, Agnes Pirlot of Georgia,
Dorothy (William) Burkart of Iron Mountain, Brother Harold Elmer DeGrave
OFM of Brazil, Robert (Josie) DeGrave of Norway, and Marie Collins of
Kingsford And a large extended family

Visitation will be from 10:30am-12:30 pm, Saturday, January 13, 2007 at the
Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral Mass
will be at 1:00pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr.
James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in
Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. Members of the 4th degree Knights of
Columbus will serve as pallbearers. The Knights of Columbus will say a rosary
at 12:15pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be
established in John's memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John DeGrave online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mary, Kathy, Nancy and family:
I'm so sorry for your tremendous loss. Mr. DeGrave was such a sweet, kind person and I will always think of him as a wonderful man. It makes me sad to think that I haven't seen him since I was a child. He was like a Grandpa to me---he was very good to me and my brother when Mom would take us to visit. Mom called to tell me the news of his passing. The news saddens us a great deal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I know you will find strength within each other to make it through this time of loss.
Love, Terri

Terri Dagenais - January 17, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mary - you may not remember me, but I get my hair done at Roberta's and often see you there. I am currently in FL with my daughter, but when I saw your husband's obituary online I wanted to offer my condolences. I send my sincere sympathy to you and your family over the loss of your husband. I hope you are doing OK. God Bless. Betty Miller

Betty - January 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM