



John P. Hanges

November 9, 1928 - July 13, 2025

John P. Hanges, age 96, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 13, 2025.

Born on November 9, 1928, in Wakefield, Michigan, John was the son of John E. and Mary (Russo) Hanges. In 1945, he began his lifelong career in the railroad industry, working in the track department. He spent the majority of his working years with the Chicago and Northwestern Company, retiring in 1986 after more than four decades of dedicated service.

On April 28, 1956, John married Myrna Ahonen in Ironwood, Michigan. They shared a wonderful life together until her passing on April 22, 1999. For many years, John and Myrna cherished their time spent at their winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. An avid tennis player, John enjoyed the camaraderie of the sport and formed many lasting friendships through it. He was also a devoted sports fan, especially passionate about hockey and tennis.

John proudly served his country in the United States Army from November 1950 to November 1952. A man of strong faith, he was a longtime and active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrna; his brother, Sam (Georgia) Hanges of Glen Ellyn, Illinois; his sister, Frances (Carmen) Granato of

Wakefield, MI; his nephew, James Granato; and his niece Mary (Richard) Harju.

John is survived by his nieces and nephews: Jean Hanges, Carol Hanges, John Andrew Hanges, John (Debra) Granato, Rick (Patty) Granato, Carmen (Michelle) Granato, Suzanne (Paul) Kivi, and Lisa (Bryan) Hewitt; as well as many great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by his special friend Pearl Zuccherero of Toronto, Canada

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Optalis Rehabilitation in Kingsford, Michigan, as well as to his friends Mitch and Marchell Merkel, George Wescott, and the Chen family for their kindness, care, and companionship.

In accordance with John's wishes, no services will be held.

Friends may leave condolences or share a memory at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ John was my first cousin. I lost track of him through the years. my mother was his aunt. I remember John when I visited Wakefield Michigan as a child
I am so sorry that my whole immediate family has passed.my prayers are with these beautiful people.
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Rose Morace - June 08 at 09:49 PM

SP

“ Scott A Pancheri lit a candle in memory of John P. Hanges



Scott A Pancheri - August 12, 2025 at 07:51 PM

JG

“ John you will be missed. I enjoyed following in my mom Vivian's footsteps providing you with special treats and dinners while I was in Florida. It was my pleasure you so much appreciated this gesture.
Rest in peace. Janice Gennari

Janice Gennari - July 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM

VL

“ So sorry for your loss .john was my neighbor in Florida for many years .a perfect gentleman he will surely be missed 🥹

vivian laserra - July 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

JG

Very sad to hear of John's passing. I followed my mom Vivian's need to feed him while in fort myers. He was always grateful..John will be missed. Janice Gennari

janice gennari - July 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM