



## John Merrill

July 13, 1932 - July 13, 2006

FELCH - John E. Merrill, 74, of Felch died Thursday, July 13, 2006, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

John was born Sept. 20, 1931, in Portland, Maine. He was the son of the late Everett and Hattie (Mayberry) Merrill. John lived in Maine for 38 years. He moved to Sault Ste. Marie in 1973 and has been a resident of this area since 1984. John served with the United States Army in Korea from 1949-52 and was the recipient of the Purple Heart.

He married the former Nancy Bell on Jan. 17, 1953, in Naples, Maine. John worked as a pipefitter for the plumbers and pipefitters union local 728 for 35 years retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 388, the Shriners and Scottish Rite. He was a life member of the Felch-Breen Veterans of Foreign Wars post 4803, life member of the Disabled American Veterans, life member of the Order of the Purple Heart, member of the Cucculi-Baraga American Legion Post 168 in Channing. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. John loved woodworking and gardening and took great pride in his lawn.

He is survived by two sons, Delvin Merrill of Florida and Roy (Jodi) Merrill of Norway; five daughters, Joyce (Richard) Cox of Lewiston, Maine, Necia

(Kevin) LaPlaunt of Kincheloe, Rebecca Merrill of Iron Mountain, Cynthia (Steven) Vandenberg of Culver City, Calif. and Janice (John) Dynes of Felch; two brothers, Delvin (Bessie) Merrill and Curtis (Marion) Merrill of Naples, Maine; one sister, Kathleen (Durwood) Fox of Athens, Maine; nine grandchildren, Veronica and Grant Merrill, Beth (Carl) Hebert, Kari LaPlaunt, Kurt LaPlaunt, James and Melanie Brown, David and Merrill Dynes; two great-grandchildren, Lucas LaPlaunt and Olivia Briones and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy on May 3, 2004, and a grandson, Michael Rabineau.

Visitation will be Sunday from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home. Masonic services will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening.

Visitation will also be on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. John Voelker will officiate.

Burial will be in Felch Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Merrill online at [www.er-nashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.er-nashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

DZ

“ *I am so sad to hear this news . He will be missed greatly by many. I am so sorry for your loss. Much love to you all, Diane*

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**Diane Zabik** - July 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Today with deep sadness i read of the death of your dad,grandfather. I remember many great visits with your parents in the Soo. All of you are in our thoughts and prays in this very difficult time.*

*Jan Malcolm Smith*

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**Jan, Rob, Penny Smith** - July 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Merrill Family,

*Our condolences to Necia and Cindy, whom I know very well, and the rest of the family whom I know only slightly. We are saddened to hear that your father John passed away. I hope you will have very happy memories of your father and you are in our hearts and prayers. Thank goodness for e-mail as I did not know until today of all the arrangements or how to contact you.*

*You all have our deepest sympathy!!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Barb and Bruce Campbell  
404 E. 10th Avenue  
Sault Ste Marie, Michigan*

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**Barb and Bruce Campbell** - July 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ *Joyce, Necia, Becky, Cindy and sons and family of John. I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. May you all find peace in knowing you will be with him again. I still think of you girls...God Bless.  
Love, Brenda Goetz*

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**Brenda** - July 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ We had a blast at Christmas and we will cherish all of our memories with you. We will miss you so much. We love you Grandpa. We love you all!

*Love, Melanie, Robert, and Wasabi*

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**Melanie and Robert** - July 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are saddened by this. May you all remember the good in this man. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.  
*Aunt Ada & Uncle Mac*

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**Ada Rollins** - July 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sorry to hear this. A good Man, a good father, and a Good Friend. Pray that peace will be with the family. I still love all of you.

*Uncle Joe*

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**Joe Bell** - July 14, 2006 at 12:00 AM