



## John Porta

April 4, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - John P. Porta, 91, of Iron Mountain, died Friday, April 4, 2008, at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

He was born May 31, 1916, in Channing, one of 14 children of the late Carlo and Clara (Carlevato) Porta. He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain. He served with the United States Navy during World War II.

John married Ann Bjorkquist on June 26, 1937, in Iron Mountain. He worked as a stone cutter for Peninsula Marble and Granite for many years retiring in 1978. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church. He loved hunting, fishing, bowling and playing smear.

John is survived by his loving wife of nearly 71 years, Ann; daughters, Donna (Jim) Webb of Houston and Barbara (Don) Secrist of Kingsford; sisters, Judy Mariani of Iron River and Olympia Balzarini of Iron Mountain; brother, Charles (Therese) Porta of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Mark, David, and Scott Webb, and Cari Gunsallus; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation is scheduled Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 5 p.m. at the church. Rev. James Chinery will

officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John P. Porta online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ann, Barb, and Donna,  
I just want you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
It was an honor to care for John while I worked at the nursing home.  
You have my deepest sympathy. God Bless, Love Tara

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**Tara Marshall** - April 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Auntie Ann, Barb, Donna and Family,  
We are so sorry about Uncle Johnnie. We sure wanted to be there,  
but we have a house full of company and couldn't get there in time.  
We are so happy we saw Uncle and Aunt before we left for Florida.  
When Bob leaned over and said his usual departing prayer with  
Johnnie he smiled that angelic smile. He was always so happy  
when Bob would pray with him.  
We have many happy memories of our visits with him and will miss  
him terribly. We are sorry to have missed being there and seeing all  
of you, but know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. See you  
when we get home Auntie Ann.  
Bob and Paula  
Sarah and Jordan are here with us right now and she said she really  
enjoyed her visit with them in when she was in Iron Mountain this  
winter. She enjoyed stopping to see them when she had the  
chance. Jordan always loves pushing Auntie's chair around so he  
can give her a ride whether she wants one or not. Anyway, she  
sends her prayers too.

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**Bob and Paula** - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Ann, Barb and Donna and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was a warm and loving man who had a sweet smile. You have our deepest sympathy. Love, Martha and Bob Schinderle

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**Martha and Bob Schinderle** - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM