



## Joseph Draxler

July 24, 1926 - July 24, 2004

Joseph E. Draxler

IRON MOUNTAIN - Joseph E. Draxler, 78, formerly of 308 E. Blaine St., Iron Mountain, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born on June 5, 1926, in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Joseph and Irene (Hanas) Draxler. He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain and he graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1944. Joe was an Army veteran of World War II. After the service, he graduated from Dundon's Business College with a degree in accounting.

He married Louise "Dolly" Fontecchio on Sept. 16, 1950, at the Immaculate Conception Church. She preceded him in death on May 3, 2002.

Joe was the chief accountant for the city of Iron Mountain from 1948 until his retirement in 1981. He was also the administrator of the HUD program for many years and worked part-time for Fleury-Singler & Co. doing tax work. Joe was a member of the Knights of Columbus-4th Degree, the Immaculate Conception Church and an usher at church. He was also a member of the Piasano Club and the Holy Name Society. He enjoyed doing volunteer work for the church, St. Vincent DePaul and the Knights of Columbus. For many years, Joe ran the bingo at both Immaculate Conception and the K of C. He also enjoyed trout fishing in his earlier years.

Joe is survived by one son, Michael (Peggy) Draxler of Iron Mountain; one brother, James (Bev) Draxler of Fond Du Lac, Wis.; two sisters, Margaret

(Edward) Piatti of Kingsford and Rita (Richard) Gray of Ishpeming; two grandchildren, Tyler and Ashley and one great-granddaughter, Alexis.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evening.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. at the funeral home and at 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park. Pallbearers will be James Draxler, Richard Gray, Edward Piatti, Tracy Miller, Wayne Carter and Francis Antonetti.

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

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

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Mike and family,

*Hello old friend. Please accept my heart felt condolences regarding the loss of your dad. I have nothing but fond memories of him and your mom; especially the time I had spaghetti and meatballs at your house. Your dad put all this peppers and spice on his meatballs; while I was struggling with the spices your mom already baked in. He laughed pretty good at the French kid eating real Italian cooking.*

*On behalf of my family, our deepest sympathy and thoughts. Feel free to correspond at this address. I would really like to touch base with you.*

*Laurin (Goose)*

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**Laurin Fontaine** - July 28, 2004 at 12:00 AM