



## Joseph J. Ivacko

May 23, 1924 - November 30, 2019

Joseph J. Ivacko, 95, of Kingsford, passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Freeman Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Joe was born on May 23, 1924, to Jacob and Caroline (Sut) Ivacko, in Kingsford, where he was a lifelong resident.

After graduating from Kingsford High School in 1943 he spent some time helping to build the American Martyrs Church. Joe joined the Army in the fall of 1943 and was a proud veteran having served his country overseas in England, France and Germany during WWII with the 654th Tank Destroyers Battalion. He earned 5 Bronze battle stars and 2 overseas service bars, and was later granted a trip with the U.P. Honor Flight to recognize his service.

In August of 1948, Joe married the love of his life, Carmeline Ganga, in Iron Mountain. The two shared 71 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised 3 children and shared the joy of 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

In 1984 Joe retired after many years at Clairmont Transfer Company. He immediately built a camp and spent much of his time there, always making sure to cut the grass and take care of snow removal on his own for as long as he could. He loved his time there hunting and fishing. He was also an avid

Green Bay Packers fan.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by two sisters, Anne Anderson, and Ruby Powers.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Carmeline; sons, Jon (Linda) Ivacko of Vulcan, and Jim Ivacko of Pembine, WI; daughter, Carol (Dale) Larson of Iron Mountain; grandchildren, Joe Ivacko, Felicia (Tim) Sayer, Brian Ivacko, Carrie (Brett) Gerner, Carlene Cecelio, and Abby (Sam) Smith; great grandchildren, Auna, James and Gracie Ivacko, Keith and Kaylee Johnson, Brianna Jarvis, Madeline and Ava Cecilio, and Collin and Courtney Smith

Visitation will be held Friday, December 6, from 9:00-10:30 am at the Kingsford Funeral Home followed by a memorial Mass at American Martyrs at 11:00 am. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2  
Iron Mountain, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Memorial Mass

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall



“ *Sorry to hear of Joe's passing Carm. Our deepest sympathies.  
Dan & Sharon Jarvis*

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**Sharon Jarvis** - December 04, 2019 at 05:58 PM

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“ *Uncle Joe was admired by everyone in our family. He was a man of quiet, good character. I looked up to him. He will be missed. Uncle Joe joins my Mother in heaven. Scott Powers*

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**Scott Powers** - December 04, 2019 at 03:47 PM

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“ *Hello Carmin - we are so sorry to hear of Joe's passing - we will miss seeing him at the Casino - you are in our thoughts and prayer - The Hermansville Machalk's - Kim & LaVergne*

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**Kim Machalk** - December 04, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ivacko.*



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December 04, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joseph J. Ivacko.



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December 03, 2019 at 04:36 PM