



Joseph Kurcz

August 1, 1916 - November 10, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - Joseph Kurcz, 90, of Iron Mountain, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2006, at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Joe was born Aug. 1, 1916, in Niagara, Wis., son of the late Charles and Julia (Skibinski) Kurcz. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1934 and lived in the area for most of his life.

Joe spent time in Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit from 1939 to 1951 and was employed at several prestigious firms including Ford Motor Co., Kickerino Shoes, the Packard Motor Co. and the Greyhound Corp. He worked as a shoe repairman at Izzo's Shoe Hospital in Iron Mountain for more than 60 total years, retiring from full-time work in 1979 at age 63. Joe continued to work part-time for Izzo's into his early 80s.

He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church and a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, where he was very dedicated and managed the clubhouse for many years.

Joe is survived by three brothers, Barry (Helen) Kurcz of Marquette, Leo Kurcz of Chicago and John Barry of Torrence, Calif.; one sister, Clare Bruun of Berwyn, Ill.; and nieces and nephews, Daniel, Barry, Patty, Tammy and Don.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Helen Getz, Leonora Kurcz and Mary Kurcz.

Visitation will be today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Parish prayers will be recited at 6 p.m. today at the funeral home followed by the Knights of Columbus reciting the rosary.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Niagara Cemetery.

The Knights of Columbus will serve as pallbearers.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joseph Kurcz online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Joe was a family friend of many years, treating Ray, Naomi, Bill, Dale and Shelly as if they were one of his own. His kindness, love of life and compassion for others will never be forgotten. The family of Ray and Naomi Morin wish to extend their thoughts and prayers to Joe's "real" family. His presence will be missed.

Dale Morin - November 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM