



## Joseph Reddinger

May 13, 1928 - August 19, 2012

Joseph Russell Reddinger, Sr., 84, of Kingsford, passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 19, 2012, at the home of his grandson.

Joe was born May 13, 1928 in Clarion, Pennsylvania, son of the late Russell and Mary (Zagst) Reddinger. He was a United States Army Veteran. On November 19, 1949, Joe married Lorraine Struebing at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. He was employed by Keebler Foods for many years as a sales representative, retiring in 1990. Joe was a member of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Oak Crest Golf Club. Joe coached little league for several years, and enjoyed golfing, bowling, and following his children and grandchildren in sports. He also enjoyed traveling and spent many winters with his wife in Florida at the Campers Holiday. Joe was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing and most of all, spending time at camp with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lorraine; three sons, Joseph Jr. (Lynn) Reddinger of Kingsford, John Reddinger (Coleen Flory) of Columbus, Ohio and Beaver (Heidi) Reddinger of Iron Mountain; eight grandchildren, Tara (Chris) Hartman, Scott Reddinger (fiance, Val Peterson), Amy Reddinger, Brian Reddinger, Lisa Reddinger, Brad (Melissa) Reddinger, Todd Reddinger and Andy Reddinger; three great grandchildren, Katie Hartman and Zoe & Alaina Reddinger; a brother, Ron (Dee) Reddinger of Pennsylvania; a sister,

Carolyn (Don) Graffious of California; and several nieces and nephews.

Joe was preceded in death by his father and mother; his step-mother, Rose; two sisters, Peg Wedekind and Betty Lou Stepling; a brother, David Reddinger and a great grandson, Drew Hartman.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Pastor Stephen Lehmann will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Brad, Todd, Andy, Scott and Brian Reddinger, Larry Lindholm, Chris Hartman and Kevin Uren.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Mass

AUG **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church  
corner of H and Stockbridge  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ I just heard about Joe's passing. Our condolences to the Reddinger family. I have many fond memories of times at the Reddinger's in my youth playing basketball and shooting pool. There were always Keebler cookies for a snack. I miss the good old days, but will always have those special memories thanks to great people like Joe Reddinger. Our best wishes.

*Bink and Sue Hoaglund*

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**Bob "Bink" Hoaglund - Fort Wayne, IN - Friend/Neighbor - September 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ Lorraine and Joe -

*My condolences to you on the passing of Joe, Sr. I have fond memories of him and his love of sports. I am sure he was an avid fan of his grandchildren's sport events.*

*My dad passed away in November of 2010 so I know what a hole in your lives you are feeling at this time. Best wishes for brighter days ahead...*

*God's blessings,  
Marilyn (Mann) Reed*

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**Marilyn (Mann) Reed - Coloma, MI - friend - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BN

“ *Lorraine, Joe and Beaver. I would like to offer my condolences to you on the passing of Joe...a helpful man to anyone playing sports in Kingsford in the '50's through his encouragement.*

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**Bill Groleau - charlotte, MI - Friend,fellow" Heights" neighbor** - August 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Lorraine and Family,  
Our deep sympathy to you in the loss you share of this special guy in your lives.  
It was always so good to see Joe and be in his company whether at Campers Holiday those few years or on the golf Course or faithfull and patiently waiting for you in the car. Such a good guy. Our love and prayers are with you as you grieve your loss. May God's loving arms embrace & keep you in the days ahead. Keep the happy memories of such a good husband and father.*

*Bless you all,  
Orice and Harlan*

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**Orice and Harlan Walters - Iron Mountain, MI - freinds** - August 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *joe and family,  
sorry i missed your fathers wake and funeral. i just saw the obituary on-line. my condolences and prayers are with you. Paul*

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**paul moroni - bark river, MI** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *May time and good memories ease your sorrow.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy  
Dave & Sue Paternoster*

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**Sue Paternoster** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Our sympathy to all of Joe's family and friends. May God comfort your hearts; and may He bless you with His strength, peace, healing, and guidance. With our love, Don and Judy Evans*

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**Don and Judy Evans - New Lothrop, MI** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *I'm sorry for your loss. Please know Uncle Joe will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless all of you and know you now have a special angel looking out for you.*

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**Mary Stpling - Myrtle Beach, SC - neice** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Joe, Lynn, Tara, Scott-*

*He was always happy and laughing! He gave you many, many years of memories so keep him alive and in everyone's heart. Hold on to each other and make sure Katie knows how great her Great-Grampa was!*

*Thinking of you all....  
Sissy Pollard*

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**Mary Ellen Pollard - Hoffman Estates, IL - friend** - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ While I cannot be there, I wanted to let you all know that I will be thinking you in th next few days as you say your goodbyes and in th weeks and months to come. Aunt Lorraine, nothing we say will make things better, but know that I love you.

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**Veronica (Reddinger) Reynolds - Colonial Beach, VA - Niece** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Aside from Uncle Joe's heartfelt laugh, I will always remember a family reunion and our house at Peg and Awl Corners. It was about 1969 and I was 7 years old or so. Uncle Joe told me that I looked to be the right size and he gave me a Keebler Super Elf shirt. I wore that shirt the rest of the day and it remained my favorite shirt well after I out grew it. At another reunion at Granddma Rosie's, I remember Uncle Joe chastising one of his nephews for referring to his father as "my old man." Though not directed at me, his message about honoring and respecting your father has stuck with me ever since. That is a lesson I hope to pass on to my children.

When Tiffany and I were trying to pick a name for our son, "Joe" was on my short list. Ultimately, we named our son "David Joseph." I'm not sure Uncle Joe knew how much he was influencing his nephew and that is a real regret on my part.

Uncle Joe accomplished what I hope to accomplish in my life: he lived well and died regretted.

*In Loving Memory,  
Ken and Tiffany (Kenny, Alex, Rhianna, and David) Reddinger*

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**Ken Reddinger - Fairfax, VA - Nephew (son of David Leroy Reddi** - August 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I was saddened to hear of your father's passing. Mr. Reddinger was my little league baseball coach and a good friend of our family. He seemed to always have a smile on his face and a hearty laugh. He will be missed by many.

*My condolences go to Loraine, the boys, and their families.*

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**Jim Franson - Sterling, IL - Friend of the family** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Joe, Lynn and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Joe's dad's passing. Your memories will keep him in all your hearts. We send prayers for strength during this time for all of you. Take care.

*Ron and Lynn*

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**Ron and Lynn Stickel - Las Cruces, NM - Friends** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ You will be missed by a great many people. It was fun playing golf with you at Oak Crest every time I'd come up to visit the family. You always seemed to have a smile on your face. God Bless.

*Steve*

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**Steve Bammer - Yorkville, IL** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your family is in our prayers !!!

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**Brian Adams - Naubinway, MI - Friend of family !!** - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM