



Kenneth Hiatt

February 21, 1921 - February 21, 2012

Kenneth H. Hiatt, 91, of Iron Mountain passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Ken was born on August 11, 1920 in Bloomington, IL, son of the late Oscar and Kate (King) Hiatt. The family moved from Illinois to Marinette, WI in 1922 and then settled in McAllister, WI. Ken worked with the C.C.C. in Dunbar, WI in the late 1930's. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and became a medic on the front lines in 1944 during the D Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy. Ken was wounded in the battle of St. Lo in France. After his recovery, he was deployed to the Battle of the Bulge where he was taken prisoner by the Germans. He was sent to multiple prison camps and transported in frigid box cars during the winter. After spending seven months as a P.O.W., he was released. Ken was awarded numerous medals and citations for his service to our country. Upon returning home, he went to work at the Marinette Hospital. Ken married Jean Michaelis on December 7, 1946 in Marinette. They moved to Iron Mountain in 1950 when Ken took a position at the V.A. Hospital as an X-ray technician. He retired in 1980 as Chief of X-ray. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Order of the Purple Heart. Ken loved hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, and especially time spent at camp with his sons and grandsons.

Ken is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean; two sons, Lynn "Butch" (Marian)

Hiatt of Iron Mountain and Mike (Carla) Hiatt of Granite Bluff; five grandchildren, Eric (Heather) Hiatt, Brent (Jaime) Hiatt, Kate Hiatt (Derek Lakari), Tracy Hiatt (Jim Anderson), and Alex Hiatt (Stephanie Kucej); and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Elinore Baker, Vivian Mueller and Virginia Hiatt; and two brothers, Aubrey and Marshall Hiatt.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 5:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. Robert Mueller will officiate. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50 along with the Order of the Purple Heart will accord full Military Honors. Ken's grandchildren will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff and residents at the V.A. Hospital C.L.C. for their care and friendship over the past five years.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family of Ken Hiatt at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB **23**. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Want to express my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Hiatt and the family. I am an employee in the C.L.C. and got to know Kenny and Mrs. Hiatt there. I will miss Kenny very much. May GOD be with all of you.

John Schumacher - Iron Mountain, MI - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I will always remember the his bright smile, he was so sweet and had a gentle but jolly spirit about him. Jean and Kenny made moving my dad, Bill Mellgren to the VA a wonderful transition for me even though it was difficult for me, the love they both shared for my dad was wonderful....there will always be a special place in my heart for both of them. Kenny will be missed greatly missed. Prayers are going out to the family at this time, may god comfort you all.
Leslie

Leslie Johnson - Kingsford, MI - Friend - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Hiatts,

So sorry to hear about Kenn's passing. It's a shame we have to wait till a person is no longer here to read about their life- his was very interesting. Would love to read more about it.

Kenn must have been very proud of what a great family he helped raise.

Wish we could be there, especially for the military honors which he so deserves.

When we see each other again, maybe you can show us any photos or articles that were displayed today.

Thinking of all of you.

*Love
Mark and Leann Kurey*

leann kurey - germantown, WI - friend - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Jean, Butch and Mike,

My deepest sympathy on the passing of Ken. I remember our visits to your home with my dad Roy and brother Steve when we were kids.

*Peace,
Cindy*

Cindy Peters - East Lansing, MI - Friend of family - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Very sorry to read of Ken's passing. Sending our condolences to the entire Hiatt family. May Ken rest in peace.*

Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *My Friend Mrs. Jean,
What an awesome inspiration of Love & Devotion you & Kenny had. We are so sad at your loss of Ken, what an amazing man he was. I read over the interview I did with him for P.O.W day, my heart broke for them! I will miss seeing your daily smiles & words of encouragement. Remember we can always use volunteers here. I will miss Kenny's soft hands & your sweet words saying ~~ "it's Debbie xray"~~ & Ken would start smacking his lips with kisses & smiling! What a great memory!! I will keep you & your family in my prayers! May God Bless you , as you have blessed others! All my Love, Deb Bell Xray ?*

DEB BELL - AURORA, WI - FRIEND - February 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM