



## Kenneth Runsat

November 29, 1933 - February 9, 2006

Kenneth Runsat

IRON MOUNTAIN - Kenneth John Runsat, 72, of Iron Mountain, passed away Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006.

Ken, who was also affectionately known as Page or Idge to family and friends, was born on Nov. 29, 1933, in Munising, son of Robert and Edna Runsat of Munising.

Ken spent time in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Ken traveled to Milwaukee in 1957 to attend the World Series and decided to call Milwaukee home and went to work for Wisconsin Electric Power Co.

Ken married Mary Roland on June 24, 1965. Ken and his wife took up sailing as a hobby at first, but eventually got involved with yacht racing and would spend many summer weekends racing sail boats. He had a lot of interest in older wooden boats. Ken was a lifelong member of the South Shore Yacht Club in Milwaukee.

In 1981, Ken and his family moved to Iron Mountain where he would eventually retire from Wisconsin Electric in 1990. During his retirement, he enjoyed many hobbies which included RC airplanes, ham radio, and flying his ultralite airplane. He made many friends in the various clubs he would join in support of his hobbies and was a member of the EAA. He also enjoyed watching his "grandtads" participate in sports. When his wife retired in 1999, the two of them began traveling in their RV during the winter months. Ken loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Ken is survived by three children; sons, James (Lori) Runsat of Kingsford and Knute (Alissa) Runsat of Hardwood and a daughter, Kathryn (Jamie) Ellis of Iron Mountain and eight grandchildren, Kevin and Corey Runsat, Hailey and Hanna Ellis and Annslee, Ezekiel, Gavin and Reighan. He is also survived by a brother Rick (Lorraine) Runsat of Chatham; a sister, Laurie (Jim) Depew of Newberry; a sister-in-law, Annabelle Runsat of Mexico; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, who passed away on Jan. 3, 2006; his father, Robert and mother, Edna; a brother, Bobby; and nephews, Doug and Brock.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

The family would like everyone to join them at the Premiere Center for lunch following the graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northwoods Airlifeline.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ken Runsat online at [www.er-nashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.er-nashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Just saw your Dad's information, when I was looking for information on Edna, It made me think of so many great memories of our times together. We spent alot of time in Milwaukee. Of course, a lot of time growing up in Munising as well. Thinking of your Dad and your Mother as well I miss Mary and Idge.

Jeanne

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**Jeanne Strom Kalahar** - January 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Knute, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your parents. My sympathies go out to you and your family.

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**Bob Morin** - February 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ We could not believe and we are all very sorry of Kenneth`s death. All of them will be together now. Our deepest condolences from all relatives from Germany.  
We wish you all much sustain, in love.  
Family Focht, Family Kreutzer

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**Dietmar Focht Germany** - February 22, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I wish you all my deepest condolences. I remember your dad at Edna's house always. I know this is a very hard time for all of you and you are in my prayers. It has been 8 years since I lost my mom and there is not a day that goes by that I don't think of her. Just always remember your dad is those bright stars looking down at all of you as that's what I do.  
Missy Daniels Barry

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**Missy Daniels Barry** - February 13, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Idge's Family - my condolences. I have lots of great memories of Idge and hanging out at the Runsat house. It was my second home.  
Andrea

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**Andrea (LaCombe)Jensen** - February 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ I am very sad to read of Idge's death. He and I were friends. I think that he treated me like a younger brother. However, we lost touch years ago, except for the 4th of July. I didn't realize that he was a ham radio operator. I would have talked with him often on HF and VHF frequencies, had I known. My late son Greg and I were both ham radio operators and formed the Alger Amateur Radio Club. I know that Idge would have enjoyed some of the events that the Alger hams are involved with. I will miss him on the 4th of July and every time he comes to my mind. He is now a silent key, as is my son, Greg. To Idge's family I want to say that Idge was one of the bright spots in my life. Raoul

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**Raoul D. Revord** - February 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ *The Family of Bill Rousseau;  
Vivian, Bill Jr., Rene, Patrick, Marian, Jayne  
Stephen and Richard;  
and Jack Rousseau, extend their sincere sympathies  
to all the Kenneth (Idge) Runsat families.*

*You are in our prayers.*

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**Vivian Rousseau** - February 12, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Our deepest condolences to Knute and his entire family at this time.  
You are in our prayers.*

*The LaPlaunt Family*

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**Jeff LaPlaunt** - February 11, 2006 at 12:00 AM