



## Laverne Underwood

February 2, 1925 - February 2, 2003

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FLORENCE, Wis. - Laverne E. Underwood, 78, of Emmet County, Mich., since 1962, and Florence County Wis. for the past three months, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Laverne was born Sept. 12, 1924, in Alma, Mich., son of the late Glen and Cloa Alma (Hall) Underwood. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and served as an airplane mechanic supporting the Flying Tigers in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operation. He married the former Mable Gibbs on July 2, 1943, and had celebrated 59 years together. Laverne operated his own excavating business for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Laverne enjoyed motorcycling and belonged to the motorcycle club in Petosky, Mich. He was also an avid woodworker and especially enjoyed fishing and boating on the Crooked River.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mable on Nov. 3, 2002, and by a brother, Frank Underwood.

Laverne is survived by his son, Les (Jana) Underwood of Florence; a sister, Cynthia Towns of Auburn, Ind., and three grandchildren, Adam, Haley and Zak Underwood.

Private services will be held. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory to the Alanson Beautification Center: Hillside Gardens.

Condolences may be expressed to the Underwood family online at [www.ernas-hfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernas-hfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

VC

“ Dear Les, Jana, and family. Please accept our deepest sympathies for the loss of your dad. We know how hard it is to lose someone close and please know that our thoughts are with you. If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to let us know. Sincerely,  
Val and Craig.

*A donation will be sent in your dad's name to the Alanson Beautification Center.*

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**Val and Craig** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

HD

“ Les and family,

*So sorry for the loss of your parents. We have fond memories of visiting Great Aunt Mabel and Great Uncle Laverne whenever we vacationed at Burt Lake with mom & dad when we were young. Aunt Mabel would always greet us with a big smile and hugs and can remember a couple of boat rides on Crooked River! Our thoughts are with you-take care.*

*The Summers Kids-  
Heidi, Larry & Jillian Dufort  
Jim & son Cody  
Tim & Melissa  
Becky & Gabe Tremewan  
April & Jason Wogaman*

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**Heidi Dufort** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Les, Jana and family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your parents. Want you to know we are thinking of you all. We have many fond memories of fun with your parents. The only time I (Murt) got up on water skis was behind your Dads boat. Only did it once. When ever they came to visit you need to know they were proud of you and your family. If you ever get down this way stop in at Turk Lake and see us. Donnie, Murt, John, Jeff and Mary Adams

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**Donald & Muriel Adams** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Les: Many fond memories came to light when I learned of your father's death. The years have rapidly passed but not the visions of our youth in Alanson. I shall always remember your parents as being very kind and courteous. Be strong. Time does heal. Peace.

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**Robin Hill** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM