



Leo R. "Joe" Despins

April 5, 1930 - March 11, 2016

Leo R. "Joe" Despins, 85, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Fri. March 11, 2016 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford. He was born in his family home in Iron Mountain on April 5, 1930, the son of the late Leo and Cecelia (Micheau) Despins.

Joe attended Iron Mountain High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning two Bronze Stars for his service. For over thirty years he worked at the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Joe married Luella Mochen on Oct. 10, 1959 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Luella preceded him in death in 2011.

He enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. He also enjoyed golfing and won the U.P. of Michigan Golf Championship.

Joe is survived by one brother Thomas Despins of Superior, WI, one sister Carol Ryan (Howard) Skogman of Beaver Dam, one sister-in-law Dolores Karsten of Iron Mountain, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by three brothers James (Shirley) Despins, Robert (Eleanor) Despins, and Allan Kenneth Despins, one sister Marion (Floyd)

Olson, one sister-in-law Lona Despins, and one brother-in-law Norman Karsten.

Visitation will be Friday from 11:30am-12:30 pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Friday April 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Monsignor James Kaczmarek will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Leo R. "Joe" Despins may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801