



Leonard Conte

March 18, 1916 - March 18, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Leonard S. Conte, 91, of 1301 West B. St., Iron Mountain, died Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the Beverly Living Center of Florence, Wis.

Leonard was born Aug. 21, 1915, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Antonio and Mary I. "Maggie" (DiStasio) Conte.

He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1933 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Leonard was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He married Jean Peterson in 1941, in Jackson, Michigan. Leonard worked for Michigan Bell as a toll test foreman for 37 years, retiring in 1981. He loved the home he built, his family, and his garden; his tomatoes made the sauce for the spaghetti that his wife and children loved.

Leonard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean; a son, Michael (Gail) Conte of Plymouth, Michigan; four daughters, Mary Jean (David) Swander of Ramsey, Minn., Charlotte (Michael) Nicholson of Ann Arbor, Barbara (Gregory) LaCasse of Marquette, and Jodi (Bob) Heinrich of Petoskey, Michigan; four sisters, Lucille Melham of Lemoyne, Pa., Virginia Blair of Iron Mountain, Barbara (Ken) Wolpers of Minnetonka, Minn. and Gloria (Tom) Sheehan of Newark, N.J.; and 13 grandchildren, Marisa Conte, Meredith Conte, Kevin (Jill) Conte, Kyle Conte, Brian Swander, Casey Nicholson,

Maura Nicholson, Jessie (Dan) Helman, Leah LaCasse, Gina LaCasse, John Heinrich, Sam Heinrich and Kelsey Heinrich.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Michael Conte and three sisters, Carmen Conte, Cecelia Bertrand and Marilyn Pelot.

Friends are invited to stop by the family home on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Leonard Conte may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mrs. Conte,

I will always remember summer days coming back from Lake Antoine with Barbara and seeing Mr. Conte in the afternoon sun picking tomatoes and peppers in his garden with Heidi stretched out in the shade loyally watching his every move. He always had a smile and kind word for me. You both made me feel like one of your girls.

*Peace be with you and your family,
Sherrill Weaver*

Sherrill Weaver - April 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Jean - my thoughts are with you at this difficult time. You and Leonard were so dear to my parents, Rudy and Therese Mahlberg - I often think about how happy they were when they talked to you both. Take care of yourself and know that Leonard will be missed.
Sincerely, Gretchen Ross

Gretchen Ross - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Dear Jean,
I was very sorry to hear of your loss. You folks were very good friends to my parents, Rudy and Therese Mahlberg. I remember how Dad always called Leonard when he was in IM for a visit. They talked for hours and Dad was so happy to see him. Jean, your calls to Mother made her feel so good to know that she was thought of. Both of my folks spoke very highly of you and Leonard. If my memory serves me right, Leonard worked for Dad. They often discussed that. Again, my sympathies to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Pat Erickson

Pat Erickson - March 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Hello Jean Conte and Family,

It's Sandie Mitchem here, we worked together at MI Bell and AT&T. And also knew Leonard when he worked on the toll boards in the early days. I totally enjoyed working at MI Bell and AT&T, and specifically with you, Jean, and Leonard. I remember all the fun times working late at night with Pat Goulet and Gert Kohler and others. It was a hoot in those days.

I know that Leonard was truly a wonderful man, husband and Father. And he will truly be missed. But at 95, I believe he lived a full and happy life. That is all we can ask for. And we all hope to be able to claim that status also. Take care of yourself and know that you are thought of often. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow. We celebrate his life.

Sincerely,

Sandie Mitchem

Leonard Conte - March 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM