



Leonard Paquin

December 24, 2007

Leonard "Sonny" Paquin, 71, of 917 E. Sagola Ave. Kingsford, died Mon. Dec. 24, 2007 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on Sept. 19, 1936, the son of the late Leonard and Roberta (Richards) Paquin.

Sonny graduated from Kingsford High School. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard until his honorable discharge in 1957. Sonny coached a state championship Babe Ruth Baseball Team in the 1960's. He enjoyed camping, fishing, playing horseshoes, and listening to country music. He was also an avid Green Bay Packer fan.

He married Sandy Ponzio in 1962 in Kingsford. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 2002.

Sonny is survived by five children Joe (Jean) Paquin of Kingsford, Mike (Laura) Paquin of Iron Mountain, Honey (Eric) Grigg of Kingsford, Angela (Joe) Poquette of Kingsford, and Jean Paquin of Kingsford, three brothers Ted (Sylvia) Paquin of Iron Mountain, Lester (Betty) Paquin of Detroit, and Randy Paquin of Iron Mountain, three sisters Marie Hicks of Aurora, Sheila Walters of Mississippi, and Rochelle (Larry) Short of Aurora, nine grandchildren Allan Paquin, Kelly Paquin, Nicole (Brad Machus) Paquin, Megan Paquin, Amanda Grigg, Lenny Poquette, Joe Poquette, Crystal Poquette, and Omar "Geno" Nevils IV, three great grandchildren Luke Machus and Alasa and Lilly Poquette, a special friend Dale Hicks, and many nieces and nephews. Sonny was preceded in death by one brother Larry Paquin and one sister Renee Anderson.

Visitation will be Sat. from 10-11am at American Martyrs Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be at 11am at the church. Father Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass. A luncheon will follow the Mass at the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Hall. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Condolences to the family of Leonard "Sonny" Paquin can be expressed online at www.tondinfuneralhome.com. The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ for Angela, HI I am so sorry to hear that your dad passed away. I know what you are going through, just want to pass on my prayers and you are in my thoughts. love Dawn Anderson

Dawn - January 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mike & Joe,
So sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I am sure you have many fond memories of him to comfort you forever. Take care!

Janet Welty-Ragen - January 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ I would just like to say that everyone did a great job on grampas funeral and luncheon. Aunte Marie and all of her helpers made a great lunch. The picture boards were well put together and there were lots of pictures Id not seen before. Aunte Angela, Im so glad that you were strong enough to be grampas caretaker in his last months. You must be one of the most strongest people I know. I do appreciate all of my family and I hope that you all are doing ok and staying strong.

Nicole Paquin - December 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ HI JOE : just want to express our deepest sympathy to you and the rest of the family for the loss of your father . i did not know your dad personally but the way you talked about him i knew he was a good man . i will not be in town so we would like to wish you well . JIM & GAYLE STRUTZ

JAMES STRUTZ - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I would like to express my sincerest condolences to Sonny's entire family. While I'm not sure that any of the younger family members would know me; some of Sonny's brothers and sisters may remember me. I certainly knew Sonny's wife Sandy, I went through school with her.

My memories of the Paquin family go all the way back as far as Del and his camp on the Waucedah road and to Dema and Stanley Brown. I even remember Dema's father Grandpa Gokey - I remember him playing fiddle at the Central Bar in Breitung. I can also remember Dema playing guitar using an old style that I never heard again until I happened to hear that type of playing many years later in a bar in Montreal.

My memories of Sonny go way back to when I was very young. Sonny's dad and mine often played fiddle and guitar together for dances and often I would stay with the rest of the kids. I remember that Sonny never missed listening the Grand Old Opry - I remember one time seeing Sonny on the roof of the house trying to get better reception for the Opry on a Saturday night..

My Mother, who passed away last year, was particularly fond of the whole Paquin family. She would always call me and tell me what a good time she had when she was invited to one of your family gatherings. I know how much she appreciated that.

She constantly played tapes that Sheila would sent to her. I have those tapes now and play and enjoy them. I can remember Larry and Sheila singing together when Sheila was just a little girl. I remember being impressed even then.

Again, my deepest sympathy to Sonny's immediate family and to all of the Paquin family. I have only the fondest of memories of all of you.

Matt Rodman

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Matt Rodman - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Your mom will be happy that they are together again. And I am shocked that she waited so long to call him home with her. There isn't a day that doesn't go by that I don't think about and talk to your mom so I am glad your dad's journey on earth is done and they can be together again. My sympathy to you all and know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jean Koski - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ My dad was a large part of my life, i dont know how i will ever fill that void i now have. I know he's not suffering anymore and he got to spend x-mas with my mother for the first time in years. I thank god everyday that me and my husband and children have got to spend the last seven months of my dads life with him. I got to know my father in ways i never knew i could and it was more then worth it. Life was so precious to my dad and im glad we could help contribute to that. DAD, WE WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER

ANGELA, JOE, LENNY
JOEY

ANGELA - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM