



## Leroy "Mike" Quilliam

September 20, 1920 - June 30, 2011

IRON MOUNTAIN - Leroy "Mike" Quilliam, 90, of Iron Mountain, died Thursday, June 30, 2011, at his home. He was born on Sept. 20, 1920 in Marquette, the son of the late Wilfred and Mary (Malloy) Quilliam.

Mike graduated from Bishop Baraga High School and from Northern State Teachers College, both in Marquette. He was a commercial/business teacher for the L'Anse, Bergland, and Vulcan School Districts. He also worked as an accountant at Fleury's before starting his own accounting firm, Quilliam Accounting. Mike eventually sold his accounting firm and was employed at Anderson Tackman & Company until he retired at the age of 75.

Mike was a member of Pine Grove Country Club and enjoyed golfing. He golfed as often as he could, walking and pulling his own cart, even at the age of 89!

Mike had a strong faith and was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, where he was a lector. He was a member and past president of the Holy Name Society, the St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic School Board, and the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Rotary Club.

Mike enjoyed fishing, hunting and his daily walks. He had a passion for reading and enjoyed books on the Civil War. He was very proud of his Irish Heritage and made trips to Beaver Island and Ireland to trace his family's

roots

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Mike married Dorothy Beaudry on Aug. 5, 1943 in Marquette at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. They moved to Iron Mountain from Marquette in 1950. Dorothy preceded him in death on April 30, 2002.

Leroy is survived by six children Michael (Elizabeth) Quilliam of East Lansing, Patricia (James) Covitz of Iron Mountain, Carol (Michael) Birkett of Durham, NC, Kaye (Ralph) Scrivo of Fraser, MI, David (Cathy) Quilliam of Lake City, MI, and Diane (Craig) Swanson of Kenosha, WI, a foster sister Clara Malvasio of Marquette, a special sister-in-law, Gerry Kukuk and her daughter, Julie Tass, sixteen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Clyde Quilliam, three sisters Jeanne Jaakola, Dorothy Vasseau, and Betty Barry, his foster parents, Elizabeth and Jake Coppens, and his foster brother, Brud Coppens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit, 1401 S. Carpenter Ave. Kingsford, MI 49801, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Visitation will be Tues. from 10am-12 noon at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at 12 noon at the church. Father Daniel Zaloga will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Leroy "Mike" Quilliam may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Mass

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Kay,

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*We love you so much, and know how wonderfully special your father was in your life. We are thinking of you, miss you, and hope to see you soon.*

*Whatever you need (to reiterate: whatever) we are here. We know that sometimes the hardest time is weeks and months after a loss. You are so special to us.*

*With much love,  
Cara, Christa, & Casey*

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**Cottrell Girls** - July 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *Dear Kaye and Family:*

*Despite the time and distances that tend to come between our growing up together and our individual paths in adult life, we all share a very special bond as children of some really outstanding parents who gave us the added gift of a very special Iron Mountain upbringing. Please find comfort in knowing your Dad will forever be a beacon to you all just as he was during his time on earth. Peace.*

*Bill Kauper  
Carefree, AZ*

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**Bill Kauper - Carefree, AZ - Friend** - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Spiney & Liz, Tasha, Brett and family,  
Our hearts and prayers go out to you. We're glad we got to spend  
time with Mike ~ loved his annual Christmas letters....especially  
tales of his elusive deer hunting and love of family and golf. We so  
sorry for your loss.  
Sending you our love and condolences,  
Judy, John, Nick & Alex

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**Judy, John, Nick & Alex Fischer - family** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Oops, previous entry should have read, "We are so sorry for your  
loss."

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**Judy, John, Nick & Alex Fischer** - July 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I am sorry, Pat and other family members, on the passing of your  
father. He was truly a gentleman, and I will always remember him at  
St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, with your mother - all those people  
at that time when we were growing up together. I know he lived a  
long and good life. What wonderful memories you must have of him.  
God Bless, Jane Noskey Kipke

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**Jane Noskey Kipke - Cedar Springs, MI, MI - former neighbor** - July 09, 2011 at  
12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Spiney & Liz and Tasha & Brett and Family

*We are so sorry that we could not make it to the memorial service for your dear Father and grandfather. We ended up with more company at our cottage than we expected. We hope all of your cherished memories will help you all bring peace to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love, Sharon & Chuck Griggs*

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**Sharon & Chuck Griggs - Friends of Spiney and Liz - July 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

TC

“ Dear Carol and Family,

*Although many years since St Mary and Joseph's School, I remember well the friends and classmates I had...certainly you among them. So, with that thought, I'm very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing and hope that the memories will, in time, provide comfort.*

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**Todd Laydon - Iron Mountain, MI - Classmate - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ Pat and Family,  
*Our prayers and sympathies to your Family.  
Glen, Kay, Grant and Cole Meyer*

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**Kay Meyer - Friend - July 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ *My dear friend Carol and family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a parent(s) is so very difficult; my heart is with you at this time, and my prayers on your behalf are many. May God comfort you with peace.*

*Love,  
Linda Eliason O'Brien*

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**Linda Eliason O'Brien - Marinette, WI - Friend - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

EW

“ *Spiney and Liz*

*Sorry to hear about your Dad Did not have the pleasure of ever meeting him but heard many stories from you. Remember the good times and all that goes with them*

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**Ed Winders - Madison, WI - July 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ Dear Kaye and family,  
Please know that we are thinking of you each and every day and have you in our prayers. Your father was really quite a remarkable man ... he lived a beautiful life and most importantly, one with a great deal of integrity, love and value. Educated and a real self starter who reinforced this in his children - Going to college was quite unusual and then he continued on in another field and opened his own business - amazing Together, with your mom, he raised six children and ensured that you would all receive an education as well (another really remarkable path) He really valued family and his love and devotion to your mom was evident in the way he cared for her in her time of need. Clearly, this is why he was surrounded by family in his time and need - the involvement of every one of you really demonstrates the need to give back to such a caring and committed man. I know the loss is painful - the memories will always be grand- an amazing life journey Love, Jan

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**Jan and Joe Cottrell - Macomb, MI - Long time friends** - July 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Pat and family,  
  
*I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hang on to all of the wonderful memories and it will help you to get through the sad times.*

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**Sally Jo Bailey - Franklin, WI - Friend of Pat Covitz** - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ We want you to know that, although we left Iron Mountain. we haven't forgotten our friends. Your family was always special to us and we send our prayers for all of you.

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**George and Frances Bertoldli - Iron Mountain, MI - Family Friends** - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mrs. Covitz & Family, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you . With my deepest sympathies

Jennifer Sorensen Flynn - Kingsford, MI - July 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ Diane and Family, my deepest sympathy to all of you. I have many fond memories of both your parents from when we were growing up. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Patti Amicangelo-Campbell - Chesterton, IN - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ KAYE--SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR DAD'S PASSING. I LOST MY DAD A YEAR AGO. IT'S TOUGH, BUT TIME HEALS. TAKE CARE

Patti (Larson) McKEE - KINGSFORD, MI - CLASSMATE - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Sorry about your father passing over. My sympathy for your loss.

Keith Swanson - Marquette, MI - July 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM