



## Lester Briggs

June 5, 1918 - June 5, 2010

Lester J. Briggs, 92, of Iron Mountain, passed away Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers, MI.

He was born on April 8, 1918, in Pentoga, MI, son of the late Watson and Goldie (Reno) Briggs. He graduated with the Kingsford High School class of 1937 and went on to attend college for a year and a half at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He was a member of the United States Army Air Corp and served our country in World War II. Lester married the former Jeanne Poisson on July 5, 1947. Together they raised three children and enjoyed 38 years of marriage. Lester worked as an agent for Prudential Insurance for 28 years, retiring in 1976. He was an avid reader and enjoyed fishing, bird hunting, gardening and playing pool and cribbage. Les was a selfless individual who volunteered over 3,500 hours at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. He was a member of Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion Post 50 and Holy Name Society.

Lester is survived by two sons, Thomas (Mary) Briggs of Maryland and Gary (Nancy) Briggs of Indiana; a daughter, Mary (Tom) Peters of Iron Mountain; one brother, Chester (Evelyn) Briggs of Niagara; and four grandchildren, Ashley and Tom Peters and Dorian and Brandon Briggs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne, in 1985.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Lester Briggs at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

PF

“ Dear Gary and all,

*I'm so sorry to hear of Lester's passing. I still recall, Gary, how he arranged for us to have spaghetti lunches at Chickie's while we worked at M&M. I wish you all the best.*

*Peter*

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**Peter Trembath - Dallas, TX - friend** - July 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Gary, Tom and Mary Jean, Unfortunatley I didn't get to spend a lot of time with Les, but when I did see him in either Iron Mt. or St. Louis he was always happy and fun loving. This always made an impression on me. He always seemed to have a positive and upbeat attitude. I know he will be missed.

*Tom Kienstra*

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**Tom Kienstra - Saint Louis , MO - Second Cousin** - June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ lester was always happy. He had the greatest smile. He resembled his children in looks and you know he was a great father. He was very happy to see his great friend and granddaughter ashley when she can to visit. He has been with us here for so long I got really attached to him. He was soo loveable. I still look for him around the house. I put his name on the bath schedule yesterday. I know he is in a better place now but Its sometimes hard to let go. Your forever in our heart lester god bless you and your family.

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**dana - spalding, MI - caregiver** - June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *Mary, Gary and Tom,  
So sorry to read about your Dad. He was such a kind man  
and always had a smile on his face.  
I'm glad he lived such a long full life.  
He's with your Mom and at rest. God bless him.  
You'll always have happy memories of him I'm sure.  
Nancy (Geline) Cook*

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**nancy cook - kingsford, MI** - June 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Dear Mary, Gary and Tom,  
  
You know our hearts are with you in this very sad time. We loved  
your Dad as a blood cousin and he will remain in our hearts forever.  
We will never forget all the fun times we had in Iron Mountain with  
all of you over the many years. We love you much. Love, Carol and  
Judy*

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**Carol Weiss & Judy Poisson - Ballwin, MO - Cousins** - June 07, 2010 at 12:00  
AM