



## Malvern "Dutch" Robinette

July 19, 1920 - April 19, 2014

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93, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at ManorCare Nursing Home in Kingsford. He was born on July 19, 1920 in Hardwood, MI , son of the late Joseph and Louise (Peronto) Robinette . He married Arlene Sovey on May 8, 1943 at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church in Iron Mountain. The couple would have celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in a few weeks time. Dutch was a very loving family man and a true patriot. He entered the United States Army during WWII in 1942 and served in the Asiatic-Pacific and European African Middle Eastern Theatre of Operations. Dutch was involved in the Battle of the Bulge and spent time in Okinawa, Japan as a prison guard. He was honorably discharged as Corporal in 1945. After the war, Dutch took a job for the Allen Bradley Company in Milwaukee. He had a thirty two year career as a set-up man and avid union steward.

Dutch loved the four seasons and the outdoors. He greatly enjoyed going to deer camp and the time spent playing cards with his brothers.

Dutch is survived by his wife of 70 years, Arlene; children, Donna (Jerry) Kanter of Quinnesec, JoAnn (Hank Hoisington) Robinette of Elm Grove, WI and Mike (Colleen) Robinette of West Allis, WI; brothers, Don (Marie) Robinette of Milwaukee, WI and Harold (Carol) Robinette of Schaffer, MI; sisters, Alice Charlevoix of Iron Mountain, Betty Cary of Hardwood and Shirley Johnson of Foster City; sisters in law, Eleanor Robinette of Powers, Nancy Robinette of Schaffer, LaVerne Pedri of Milwaukee, WI and Lorraine Peterson

of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren, three great grand children and two great-great grandchildren. Also by many Nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at a later date and will be announced.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to all of the staff at ManorCare Nursing Home for incredible gift of love and caring

Condolences to the family of Malvern "Dutch" Robinette may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69  
Foster City, MI 49834

# Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album *Pictures of Dutch*



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**James Robinette** - April 23, 2014 at 09:37 PM

“ One of my fondest family memories will forever involve Dutch.

*My Father had taken my older brother and me up to Iron Mountain to go fishing over a long weekend. My brother caught a large fish and was dead set on keeping it, cleaning it, and eating it, though he didn't have much experience do so. Dutch invited us into his basement where there was a kitchenette that my brother could clean and prepare the fish for cooking. One problem - my brother seemed to be apprehensive about cleaning and preparing the fish for cooking. My brother began by holding the fish as though he thought it may come back to life. Sensing a moment of weakness as only brothers can, the very instant my brother inserted the knife into the fish to begin removing its innards, I made a sound. It made my brother think the fish was still alive. He proceeded to drop the knife, drop the fish, and leap backwards (at the time what seemed to be nearly 5 feet).*

*Dutch laughed so hard he had tears in his eyes. We all did and we all shared the laughter for quite some time.*

*As years passed and we traveled to Iron Mountain, Dutch would recount that old fishing tale. As I grew older and stopped traveling to Iron Mountain I would recount the story and recount how hard all us, most certainly Dutch, laughed and darn near cried.*

*That story happened nearly 25 years ago now, but I remember it as though it was yesterday. I enjoyed every second of it then and enjoy thinking about right now. It will be ingrained into my memory forever thanks in part to Dutch and his wonderful sense of humor, smile, and laughter.*

*In my view, Dutch was and always will be a loyal family man who was hard-working and loved to have a good time. He was never afraid to tell you what was on his mind, but that may be the trait I respected most about the man; honesty. Dutch is my definition of an American hero from a bye-gone era.*

*The loss of Dutch leaves a cavernous void in our society that can never be filled because of the work ethic, moral compass, selflessness, compassion, understanding, dedication to family, God and country which was displayed by him and his generation.*

*I trust that family and friends alike feel as fortunate as I do to have known such a noble man.*



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**Josh** - April 23, 2014 at 07:48 PM