



## Maurice Vermulen

October 12, 1922 - October 12, 2012

Maurice A. Vermulen, 90, of Channing, passed away on Friday, October 12, 2012 at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal falls.

He was born June 7, 1922 in Channing, Michigan, son of the late Edward and Mary (Lusnia) Vermulen. He attended school in Channing, graduating from Channing High School in 1940. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. during WWII, and after being honorably discharged he went to work for Mattson Airlines. He then moved to Lower Michigan where he worked as the Union Organizer for the Electric Line Workers. Maurice moved back to Channing in 1987. He was a member of St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing, and the American Legion Post #50 which merged with the Channing American Legion. He loved to trout fish, hunt, and travel.

Maurice is survived by his companion, Hazel Byers of Channing

Numerous nieces and nephews

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Leonard "Bud" Vermulen; Sisters, Edna Rossi and Violet "Dolly" Barrs

Visitation will be held on Friday from 10:30 am to 11:00 am at St. Rose Catholic Church in Channing. Fr. Raymond Valerio will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will take place in the Channing Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Maurice A. Vermulen online 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

OCT 19. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose Catholic Church  
703 Bell Ave.  
Channing, MI 49815

## Funeral Mass

OCT 19. 11:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Dear hazel,  
Uncle was a much loved Uncle by all his nieces and nephews. Almost every family photo has him surrounded by us. It was his warmth and humor and love of life that drew us to him. We have collected family memories of his stories told by him and others. My favorite was the story of Thanksgiving dinner and the plate of mashed potatoes and gravy ending up in his lap. I heard this story every Thanksgiving while growing up. The best gift of life for any of us is how much we are loved by others. In this Maury was well gifted! We will miss him! Cassandra*

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**cassandra barrs - ann arbor, MI - niece: daughter of Dolly Barrs - October 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MN

“ *Hi Hazel,  
  
Mark and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you every day.  
  
I have such good memories of Uncle Maurie. He was a good brother to Mom (Dolly Barrs). A wonderful brother-in-law to Dad. All his neices and nephews adored him.  
  
He was a one-of-a-kind guy.  
  
Thinking of you,  
Mark and Sue Fralick*

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**Mark and Susan Fralick - Edwardsburg, MI - Neice - October 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

MF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss but may the good memories get you through this time of sorrow,  
My husband Chuck graduated with Maury.

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**Mary Marsh - Milwaukee, WI - friend** - October 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear Hazel and Family, sending condolences to you. My thoughts will be hundreds of miles away today, there with you all, as you celebrate Uncle Maury's life. He brought such joy and laughter to our family! I remember most the family gatherings when Unc was at Grandma and Grandpa Barrs' house. Always the jokes and stories. I remember too as a small child when he lived in Cass, visiting at his home there.

*I am thankful for the wonderful lineage of our family! And our wonderful Uncle Maury.*

*Much love,  
Cindy (Rowe) Watkins  
Mary's daughter  
Dolly's Granddaughter*

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**Cindy (Rowe) Watkins - Conway, AR - Great Niece; Dolly's granddaughter** - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Dear Hazel:

*Our thoughts are with you now as we say good-by to Uncle Maury. We all have such fond memories of our times with him. I hope your memories will give you comfort and joy because of the love shared.*

*Our deepest sympathy,  
Chris, Elizabeth, Michael, Daniel & Mary*

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**Elizabeth Clifford - Berryville, AR - neice** - October 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Vermulen family,  
Our sincere sympathy for your loss.  
Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

*The VanOss family*

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**Gary VanOss - Channing, MI - old friend** - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Dear Cousins, Aunt Dort & Hazel,

*Sorry for Maury's death. I will remember him fondly.*

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Luzmoor - Cousin of niece/nephews** - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ ALTHOUGH MAURY WAS A YEAR OLDER THAN ME, WE CHUMMED AROUND A LOT .  
MAURY AND I WORKED ON RAILROAD SECTION AND ENGINEERING CREWS.  
IN 1941 HE AND I WERE EMPLOYED BY THE MILWAUKEE ROAD TO WALK THE TRACK FROM CHANNING TO ONTONAGON INVENTORYING THE RAILS ETC.  
WE HAD A GREAT TIME. WE DID NOT THINK THE RAILROAD APPRECIATED OUR VERY IMPORTANT AND HARD WORK ! HA HA  
i WAS WITH THE GROUP SWIMMING AT SAWYER LAKE WHEN MAURY DOVE IN TOO SHAL;LOW WATER AND BROKE HIS NECK THEN WE SPENT THE WHOLE HOT SUMMER -UPSTAIRS THE RESTAURANT PLAYING VERY HEATED MONOPOLY GAMES KEEPING COMPANY WHILE RECUPERATING.  
MAURY AND I CONTIN UED OUR FRIENDSHIP THROUGH MANY YEARS AFTER WWII, BUT DUE TO MY WIFE'S AND MY DIMINISHING HEALTH WE WERE UNABLE TO KEEP UP A VERY CLOSE FRIENDSHIP.  
OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU DURING THIS VERY SAD TIME MAURY WAS JUST A GREAT FRIEND, ALWAYS WITH A SMILE AND WISE CRACK FOR OUR ENJOYMEN, AND WE DID ENJOY IT .

*DON AND CLARICE ROUSE*

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**DON ROUSE - MENASHA , WI - VERY GOOD FRIEND OF MAURYS** - October 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Hazel, We are so sorry to hear about Maury. Hope you wonderful memories will help you at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers with MUCH LOVE, Sue and Dave

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**Susan and David Borsch - Crystal Falls , MI - Hazel's cousin** - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM