



## Maxwell Little

October 12, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Maxwell Martin Little, son of Martin Little and Louise (Sperry) Little, died Oct. 12, 2007, at 86 years of age. He was born on April 24, 1921, in Riley Center, Mich. and graduated from Capac High School.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life, his wife, Dolores; sisters, Eileen Fitz and Nancy Stenson, and brother, Dallas.

He is survived by a son, Martin; daughter, Pamela; and grandson, Jason Walrack, all of Iron Mountain; and sister, Shirley Bellow of Marysville.

He enjoyed pheasant hunting and trout fishing, but more than anything he enjoyed being with and helping his children and grandson, Jason.

Max fought as a Marine in many battles of World War II, in the Pacific Theater of Operations from 1942 to 1945, culminating in the occupation of Japan.

He began a distinguished career in the Michigan State Police in 1947 that lasted more than 30 years. Working in many posts across the state, he was characterized by supervisors as a "crack detective" working major crimes, specializing in homicides in Michigan's 2nd District spanning Detroit to Ypsilanti. He received the MSP Meritorious Service Citation for his part in solving a murder resulting in the conviction of three men in 1967. His last and

biggest case in the 2nd District resulted in arrest and conviction what many believe to be Michigan's most notorious and famous murder case known as the "Michigan Murders" when at least six teenage girls were brutally murdered within two years.

Max returned to the U.P. shortly after this case in 1971 as the post commander in Iron Mountain until his retirement in 1977. He always stayed busy even in retirement buying and selling antiques and working as bail bondsman. He left many who loved and respected him for the great man that he was. May he rest in peace.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

MT

“ Dear Pam and Martin,  
So sorry to read about the loss of your Father. I always enjoyed his company and the chats we had whenever I ran into him around town or when he was working in the yard. He always took the time to ask how I was doing. I remember when I was in high school and a Trooper came to our door early one school morning with the mirror from a 69 Chevelle in his hand and it just happened to match the one missing from my brother's car. It seems your Dad was leaving for work when he saw the mail box had been hit and... yup the mirror was laying on the road next to the mail box. Between my brother and your dad Moon lake was never boring.

My deepest condolences to both of you and may Our Father in heaven comfort you both.

Sincerely,  
Michael A. Thompson, 4419 Foxfire trail, Portage, MI 49024

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Mike Thompson - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Pam, I frequently check the IM News and I am so sorry to hear about your dad. We were all kind of in awe of his reputation in high school. I hope you will remember all the good about him that has influenced your life. It is so hard to lose a dad. Blessings on your life. Sue(Norr) Link

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Sue Norr Link - November 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Pam,

*My heart and prayers go out to you. Max was an inspiration to those of who followed him, and he was always willing to help a friend. I remember in 1974 while policing a bad accident on US-41 near M-95 in a blizzard, Max came along on his way to a meeting in Marquette and he stopped to offered his help. I told him what I really needed was someone to stand out in the road and direct traffic, he spent the next 5 hours doing just that, he did not leave until I was all done. He was a good man and I am sure you will miss him. Take care and have faith that Max is with his Lord at this time. Your friend  
Mark Edens*

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**Mark Edens** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Pam and Martin,

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad! I remember so many fun things about him. He and your mom were good friends to my parents(norm & carol Mainville) and my brothers and sisters.*

*Please take care,*

*Lois (Mainville) Hughes*

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**Lois Mainville Hughes** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I met Max over 30 years ago, when he came into the ADvertiser where I worked. We would usually spend a few minutes chatting. He was a most sincere person, and always had a smile and quick laugh.  
He will be missed.*

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**Bernadine Moland** - October 16, 2007 at 12:00 AM