



Patrick John Milligan

June 24, 1925 - December 2, 2013

Patrick John Milligan, 88, of Foster City passed away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2013. He left in the same manner he lived his life, quietly and without fanfare.

Pat was born on June 24, 1925, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Patrick J. and Blanche (LaBranche) Milligan. He attended school in Felch, graduating from Felch High School in 1943. Upon his graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marines. As a private in the 21st Marine Corps, he received a letter of commendation for intelligence gathered while in combat against the Japanese forces at Guam. This information enabled his regiment to carry out its mission against the enemy with minimum American casualties. Private Milligan was gravely injured in February of 1945 while fighting with the 3rd Marine Division that swept the beaches of Iwo Jima. He was treated at the Naval Hospital in Pearl Harbor and later sent to the Philadelphia Naval Hospital for recovery and rehab. It would be another two years before he was home in Foster City. He received the Purple Heart, Marine Corps Good Conduct, World War II Victory and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medals, Presidential Unit Citation and Combat Action Ribbons, and Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Ruptured Duck). Pat was honorably discharged in March 1947 as a Corporal. Upon returning home, he met and married the love of his life, Janice Charlevoix. They were married on November 26, 1949. After nearly sixty-two wonderful years together, Janice preceded him in death on March 16, 2011.

Pat ran the family farm and later owned and operated Pat's Market in Foster City from 1964 to 1987. He was a lifelong resident of Foster City where he was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He enjoyed playing cribbage, smear, woodworking, and hunting. Always a warm and fun place to meet, family and friends loved to gather on Milligan's Mountain. His family brought him great pride and joy. Pat was a proud member of the N.R.A., the V.F.W., the D.A.V., and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Patrick is survived by his children, Patrick (Deb) Milligan of Foster City, Holly (Ross) Dixon of Iron Mountain, Tricia (Don) Mattson of Felch, Jeanne (Boyd) Dixon of Iron Mountain, Nancy (Ron) Basile of Foster City, Ted Budek of Felch, Sarge (Tom Pennington) Milligan of Crystal Falls and Steve (Bonnie) Milligan of Vulcan; grandchildren Derek (Leah) Dixon, Ashley (Brent) Junion, Christopher (Michelle) Mattson, Lisa (Benoit) Robinot Bertrand, Nicholas Mattson, Sasha Dixon, Taylor Basile, Regan and Garth Budek, and Cale, Shea (Nikki), and Macrea (Melissa Bashaw) Anderson; great grandchildren Marley and Aubrey Dixon, Brielle Junion, Maximus and Maggie Mattson, and Madeleine and Julien Robinot Bertrand; one brother James (Anna) Milligan of Vulcan, three sisters Faye (Anthony) Bartoszek of Kansas City, KS, Phyllis (Marshall) Kesler of Iron Mountain, and Janet Skibo of Crystal Falls, in-laws Alice Charlevoix and Steve (Marilyn) Charlevoix.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Budek in 2011, a granddaughter, Brianne Dixon in 1988, a grandson, Craig Anderson, in 1999,

a great granddaughter, Gabrielle Robinot Bertrand in 2010; and a brother, Robert Milligan in 2009.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Foster City. The funeral Mass will follow at 12 noon at the church. Fr. Daryl Pepin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery in the spring. The Felch-Breen V.F.W Post #4803 will accord Full Military Honors.

Pat's grandsons, Derek, Chris, Nick, Taylor, Regan, Garth, Cale, Shea, Macrea and Brent will serve as pallbearers.

The family would like to convey a heartfelt thank you to Dad's friends and extended family at the Oscar G. Johnson CLC Department. Your care, kindness and love will never be forgotten. He loved you in return.

Our country mourns, another veteran from the greatest generation died today.

The Military Warrior by Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, Sergeant, US Marine Corps, "It is the Military Warrior, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the Military Warrior, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the Military Warrior, not the politicians, that ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. It is the Military Warrior who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag."

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patrick J. Milligan online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>.

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

Cemetery Details

Foster City Cemetery

Hwy M69
Foster City, MI 49834

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Foster City
MI 49834

Funeral Mass

DEC 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Foster City
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Tribute Wall

MM

“ To my cousins Holly, Jeanne, Tricia, Nancy, and Sarge, I spoke to Steve and Pat on the phone to tell them how sorry I was to miss your dad's funeral. Made me sick to do so, but being in business for myself I could not get the day off on Friday before to make the trip up from Lansing. I work for the U.S. Army these days, and they are not too understanding when there are deadlines. As I am sure you know, your dad and mom were the most special kind of people in my life while growing up and later in life as well. I have so many great memories of them both, and I share them often to whoever hasn't heard them before -- too many times. They truly lived lives that must be celebrated. Your dad remains a symbol of strength and goodness for me and for my son too for as long as we live. Love, Mike, Karen, and Ian.

Mike Milligan - December 10, 2013 at 12:51 PM

SM

“ Dear Milligan family,

My name is Sandy Andrews Michaud and I took care of Grandma through home care years ago and remember your parents well. They always had a smile on their face and a good word to say.

May the Lord be with you at this time of loss and know that you are all in my prayers.

God Bless you All.

Sandy

Sandy Michaud - December 09, 2013 at 03:15 PM

KC

“ To Jan And family, Sorry We Were Unable To Attend The Services Pat Made The Store
A Second Home For Us As We Waited For The Bus I Will never Forget The Time He Challenged Me With A Race In Addition Using A Calculator Against His Mind, And He Won. He Was A Great Neighbor And Friend. Love Kim@Jim And The CAZZOLA FAMILY.

Kim@Jim Cazzola - December 08, 2013 at 06:06 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all .We have has lost a great person.
Dean & Diane Charlevoix.

Dean Charlevoix - December 08, 2013 at 08:24 AM

PJ

“ Dear Milligan family you are in our thoughts and prayers. Ken and Paula Johnson

paula johnson - December 06, 2013 at 06:02 PM

MO

“ *To Entire Family of Pat...First off I wanted to say what a beautiful Obituary.*

From the time I was a child I have always remembered your dad from mass at St. Joseph's. He always had a smile and always took the time to ask how I was. I remember thinking he had such a cool voice. I also remember stopping at the store and buying candy and him teasing about candy and my teeth etc...

Last spring I was able to chat with him for a bit during the "Tribute Ride" and it was nice to see that he was receiving such good care from the V.A. after all of his sacrifices for our Country. His patriotism is still appreciated by this generation.

He was a good man and not just a loss to your family but our entire community. Pat was a wonderful example of "good people". May you linger over all your favorite memories of Pat at this difficult time.

*Sincerely,
Mary R. Oman*

Mary Oman - December 06, 2013 at 02:44 PM

JJ

“ *Pat, truly was a great man. I so enjoyed visiting with him and his family. He was very kind hearted and giving of himself. Love and blessings on you, his family.*

Joseph Johnson - December 06, 2013 at 08:31 AM

 Mike
Erickson

“ Any trip to my grandparents (Doran's) in Foster City was not complete without a visit to Pat & Jannie at Pat's Market. Both were shining examples of what a good person is and should be. Sincere condolences to the entire family.

*Mike Erickson
(Son of Diane (Doran) Erickson)
Warren, Michigan*

Mike Erickson - December 05, 2013 at 09:58 AM

SD

“ To Pat's Family: May special memories of your father bring you comfort during this difficult time and God's peace fill your hearts. I will always remember Pat as such a loving, caring and soft-spoken man, just like his mother. God bless you all.

My deepest sympathy, Shirley (Bonetti) DeRidder

Shirley DeRidder - December 05, 2013 at 09:15 AM