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KINGSFORD - Paul Aho, 84, of 1820 Mary's Way, Kingsford, died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Paul was born Jan. 12, 1920, in Rock, son of the late Jack and Anna (Hallinen) Aho. After graduating from Negaunee High School in 1938, he attended business school in Escanaba before going to work for the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co.

He served in the Pacific Theatre with the Fifth Army Air Force during World War II including New Guinea, the Philippines and Okinawa. He was also part of the occupation troops in Japan after the war.

Following his discharge in 1945, Paul entered Gregg College in Chicago to pursue a career in court reporting. His first on-the-job training began in 1947 in Muskegon and Hart, both in lower Michigan. He was appointed court reporter for the 28th Circuit Court in Cadillac, lower Michigan in 1948.

Paul married the former Miriam Johnson on May 15, 1948, in Negaunee. He became the court reporter for the then new 41st Circuit Court of Iron Mountain in January 1955. Paul retired after 34 years as a court reporter in 1982.

He was a member of the Michigan Court Reporters Association, served on the board of the Crystal Manor Nursing Home and was an active member, promoter and board member of the Community Concert Association.

Paul belonged to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, where he sang bass in the

church choir for many years.

He loved to hunt and fish. He was passionate about bow hunting for deer and flyfishing for trout. In recent years, he enjoyed turkey hunting. Paul also loved to spend time at the log camp that his father, uncle and he built near the Ford River. As an avid outdoorsman, he also enjoyed cross country skiing and taking daily walks during which he always carried a walking stick.

He is survived by his wife, Miriam; his six children, Ardis (John) Koski of Marquette, Gary (Patty) Aho of Bettendorf, Iowa, Robert (Lynn) Aho of Baraga, Kristine and Julie Aho of Duluth, Minn. and Bruce Aho of Hickory Corners, lower Michigan; eight grandchildren, Kristin (Craig) Wilmes of Castle Rock, Colo., Dr. Melanie (Steve) Pence of Grand Rapids, lower Michigan, Brenton Koski of Escanaba, Eric Aho of East Lansing, Karl Aho of Valparaiso, Ind., Douglas Aho of Augusta, lower Michigan, Anne Aho of Baraga and Kaitlind Aho of Augusta; and a nephew, Allen Aho.

Paul was preceded in death by his brother, William.

Visitation will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held Friday at 1 p.m. at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

A memorial will be established in his memory to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or the Marquette-Alger Chapter Alzheimer's Association. Burial will be in the Negaunee Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the staff at Evergreen Heights Assisted Living and Maryhill Manor in Niagara for their wonderful care.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Paul Aho online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

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“ To Julie and Family - I am very sorry for your loss of a Father and Husband. I lost my Dad about 17 years ago and know how they always hold a special part of your heart. As time passes though, the grief eases. Also, you can take comfort in your faith, knowing that we can rely on God's promises of eternal life. In Christ - Sandy (Granquist) Meier

Sandy Meier - January 26, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember singing with Paul in Our Savior's Senior Choir a few times and at the holiday seasons. My deepest sympathy on your loss. May God strengthen you and comfort you in these hard times. Chuck Erickson IMHS Class of 1997

Chuck Erickson - January 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Miriam and Family our deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Edith and Dick Wills

Dick And Edith Wills - January 23, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To Bruce and Family:*

My thoughts are with you during this time of sadness. May you have some comfort and strength in being with family members.

*Regards,
Steve Terranella*

Steve Terranella - January 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Rob and Family*

Just a note to say I was so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I am unable to see you tomorrow, but as a classmate and friend I wanted you to know that I was thinking of you and your family and you are in my prayers.

*God Bless.
Liz Creed Holmquist
Class of 1971 IMHS*

Liz Creed Holmquist - January 22, 2004 at 12:00 AM