



Paul J. Gingrass Jr.

January 25, 1930 - March 12, 2014

Paul J. Gingrass, Jr., 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Freeman Nursing & Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Paul was born January 25, 1930 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Paul Sr. and Marie (Wahl) Gingrass. As a child, Paul's father was the sheriff and his family lived in the Dickinson County Courthouse. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1948. As a talented athlete in High School, Paul was a Star halfback for the football team and pitcher for the American Legion baseball team. Directly following graduation, he was invited to try out for the Chicago Cubs. He then attended Northern Michigan University where he again starred as halfback on the football team and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education. During his time at NMU, Paul spent one year in the U.S. Marine Corp serving his country. He began his career as a salesman in the family business with Standard Printing Co. in 1955 and worked there for over 35 years, retiring in 1992. Paul married Elizabeth Giordana on August 5, 1966 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. He served as a Eucharistic Minister at the church for many years. In retirement, he did yard work and snow removal for many people. He enjoyed playing cards with the Monday night poker club for almost 40 years. Paul also had an interest in trying to "hit it big" metal detecting, browsing antiques and making trips to the casino.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Betty; two daughters, Michele (Tucker) York of Kalamazoo and Angela Hudson (fiance`, Greg Davis, Jr.) of Green Bay; a son, Todd (Kelly) Gingrass of Iron Mountain; three grandchildren, Taylor Hudson and Abram & Aurelia Gingrass; and several nieces and nephews.

Paul was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack and Bob Gingrass and two sisters, Sally Duffy and Carol Juhl.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. A memorial mass will follow at 1:00 pm at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga and Deacon Don Christy will officiate. There will then be a lunch gathering for all family and friends in the church hall following the service.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences to the family of Paul J. Gingrass can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Mass

MAR 17. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Betty & Family,*

*I'm so sorry to hear about Paul. He was a wonderful, loving man.
Hold on to each other and find comfort in your memories.*

Sissy

Mary Ellen Pollard - March 24, 2014 at 09:04 AM

KG

Didn't live his other kids. We never knew him and he apparently never told anyone he had 4 kids from his first marriage..

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 12:59 AM

JH

“ Our condolences and sympathy to Betty and the entire Gingrass family. Paul lived right accross the street from my family on East "A" Street in Iron Mountain.

He was a great athlete for Iron Mountain High School, and Northern Michigan University, and will always be remembered as an outstanding halfback on their football teams, as well as an outstanding pitcher on the baseball team.

Paul was also a great friend, Husband, Father, and Grandfather, a true gentleman.

Paulie, as we always called him, will be missed by all that knew him.

May you rest in Peace always my friend.

Jack and Dorisa Hamm
2817 Lillian Rd.
Ann Arbor, Mi 48104

Jack Hamm - March 18, 2014 at 01:46 PM

KG

Paul was a deadbeat dad that never cared about his first 4 kids and never were they mentioned in his obituary. Shame on you

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:01 AM

KJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time.
Bless you
Kris Pierce Jones*



kris Jones - March 17, 2014 at 07:33 PM

DM

“ *Todd and Family.*

Please accept my condolences on your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

-Dan Marttila

Dan Marttila - March 17, 2014 at 01:07 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Paul J. Gingrass Jr..*



March 17, 2014 at 01:06 PM

JR

“ Sorry to hear about Paul. He was a wonderful man and always had a smile on his face. I enjoyed working with him at Standard Printing for many years. You are all in our thoughts and prayers through this sad time. May your memories of all the good times you had with him help you with your sorrow.

Nick and Jill Romagnoli

Jill Romagnoli - March 17, 2014 at 10:24 AM

KG

He wasn't a wonderful man he was my father and my siblings father and never were we acknowledged even in his obituary.. Shame on him, so disgusting

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:04 AM

KB

“ Todd and Family. We are so sorry for your loss. Over the past few days, you have been in our thoughts. Losing a friend that was a dear friend to my dad, makes it even harder. The memories that I have of the boys playing poker in my dad's basement, week after week, are part of my very being as it was such a big part of my childhood. I remember clearly every week your dad would come in with a smile and always say "Hi Kev". Last Wednesday my wife and I were talking and she told me that now Dad and Jim P have another buddy to play poker with in heaven. God be with you.

Kevin and Maribeth Braspennickx

Kevin Braspennickx - March 17, 2014 at 08:43 AM

KG

Never played with his first kids who I'm sure you weren't aware of because he abandoned us.. Not a good guy at all

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:07 AM

NR

“ Betty and Family: When we bought our lake home in Spread Eagle back in 2006, it came with many special extra gifts. One of them was our friendship with you and Paul. He began as our caretaker but clearly became much more than that over the years. i will NEVER forget the twinkle in his eye when he was "pulling your leg". He had a great sense of humor and love of life and God. You have our deepest sympathy. Nick and Laura Rendone

Nick Rendone - March 15, 2014 at 02:05 PM

KG

So sad to think that there was never a mention of his first kids.. Paul. Steve, Krysti and David. He never took care of us or acknowledged us. We never knew him and he never cared to know us. Pathetic guy and God will deal with him.

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 12:47 AM

KG

Caretaker..wow if he only spent a dime on his first 4 kids or even acknowledged us to all of you. He's a waste of skin

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:11 AM



“ Betty & Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of working with Paul at Standard Printing Co. and your company at the many Christmas parties we attended together.
Our love always,
Gary & Theresa Majewski

Gary A. Majewski - March 14, 2014 at 02:55 PM

KG

You have memories of your xmas parties. I have memories of not having food to eat as he was a deadbeat dad to his 4 kids. He never told anyone about us, he never acknowledged us and we never knew he died until now. What a pathetic soul

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:15 AM

SD

“ *Betty and Family,*

Our deepest sympathy to you all during this most difficult time. May special memories of Paul bring you comfort, he was such a wonderful man. May God's peace fill your hearts, wish we could be there with you, we are in Florida until mid-April.

Shirley and Tom DeRidder

Shirley DeRidder - March 14, 2014 at 09:52 AM

KG

Difficult times... Try growing up with no food.. And Paul having his little secret of abandoning his kids...you will be lucky to have Gods peace

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:19 AM

CW

“ *So sorry for your loss. We had a lot of good times with the 2 of you. He was a nice man. Our thoughts and our prayers are with your family at this time.*

Ed and Carol Wicklund

Carol Wicklund - March 14, 2014 at 09:35 AM

KG

I never had a good time with him and I'm his daughter that no one of his friends knows about . Plus he has 3 boys that are my brothrts

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:43 AM

KG

Brothers

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:44 AM

DP

“ *Deepest sympathy in the passing of Paul. I remember him as a salesman who used to call on us at the Iron County Courthouse. I enjoyed my working relationship with him. A very personable guy. My husband remembers him as a great athlete.
Dan and Sue Passamani, Iron River, MI*

Dan and Sue Passamani - March 13, 2014 at 06:55 PM

KG

I remember him as a piece of shit

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:35 AM

KG

And I'm his first daughter

kgingrass - February 16, 2016 at 01:45 AM