



Ralph Izzo

August 17, 1920 - November 22, 2015

Ralph "Cobby" Izzo

95 of Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain. He was born on August 17, 1920 in Amorosi, Italy, son of the late Antonio and Filomena (Ferrucci) Izzo. He moved from Italy with his parents at the age of 18 months, and has been an Iron Mountain resident since. He attended school in Iron Mountain, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1938. He went to work at the Ford Plant sewing WWII Plane seats until he was drafted into the United States Army serving with the 29th Infantry Division in Germany. Upon being honorably discharged from the Army, Ralph moved home. He married June Gayan on July 19, 1941, and have spent 74 wonderful years together.

Ralph worked his entire life for the family business, Tony Izzo & Sons, eventually becoming the owner and operator of the business. He was a faithful member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church serving as Eucharistic Minister and as a choir member, the Piasano Club, Rotary Club, St. Vincent DePaul, and the American Legion. He also served as President for the U.P. Piasano Club and the U.P. St. Vincent DePaul. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Master which was formed in 1972, on the board for the Dickinson Area Bocce Association, and voted Citizen of the Year in 1970. In 1940 he pitched for Liberty Loan, pitching the first perfect game in Iron Mountain Softball History. In 1951 he and his teammates won the

UP Class A Softball Championship.

Ralph is survived by his loving wife, June Izzo of Iron Mountain; his sons, Anthony (Susy) Izzo of Spread Eagle and Michael (Jeanne) Izzo of Iron Mountain; a daughter, Katherine (Gary) Maynard of Gladstone; four grandchildren, Marcus (Marit) Izzo, Teddy Izzo, Stacie (Todd) Maynard - Poquette, and Travis (Nicole) Maynard; four great grandchildren, Ellen Madison Izzo, Monica June Izzo, Cable Patrick Poquette, and Gavin Poquette; a brother, Carl (Dorothy) Izzo of Appleton.

He was preceded in death by a son, Patrick Izzo; a daughter, Mary Rose Izzo; a sister, Rose Brisson; and brothers, Andri and Carmen Izzo.

The visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am at the St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. The funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ralph Izzo online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Ralph will be deeply missed by the Cory family and all staff at the El Capitan Supper Club, I'll truly miss the stories of his past and all he's accomplished.

Steve Cory - December 14, 2015 at 10:35 AM

JG

“ Cobby was a fine man. God's gift to us. May he rest in peace. Last carpet he measured for us there was a 2 ft by 1 ft piece left. Always had a smile.....
Jerry Van Goethem

Jerry Van Goethem - December 09, 2015 at 12:09 PM

SC

“ My condolences on your loss. He and my late father, Ben Cohodes, were great friends and I remember spending time with him at my Dad's store and his. He was a wonderful man.
Susan Cohodes

Susan Cohodes - December 02, 2015 at 05:39 PM

JF

“ Mike and family
My deepest sympathy for the loss of you father. A good man. Sorry I was unable to attend the services.
Once again My condolences I will keep you in my prayers.
Jim Fornetti

jim fornetti - November 27, 2015 at 11:45 AM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathy to you all. Ralph lived a life worth living. He will be truly missed. May he rest in peace.

Rod and Cynthia (Corsi) Gordon

Cynthia Gordon - November 25, 2015 at 02:12 PM

TG

“ Aunt June, Tony, Kathy and Mike,

My sympathies to everyone on the passing your husband and father.

Appreciated your Ralph letting me work at the shop many years ago, made me feel part of the family.

One of my best memories of working with Uncle Ralph was when he was teaching me how to drive a stick shift in the old Tony Izzo and son's Van. I believe it was a 3 speed on the column.

Yes I hit every red in light in down town Iron Mountain, stalled it at every stop and grinded every gear in the process. I can still hear uncle Ralph shouting advice to me.

Some of it was in Italian, I didn't understand a word.

God bless

Todd Gayan

todd gayan - November 25, 2015 at 01:56 PM

DK

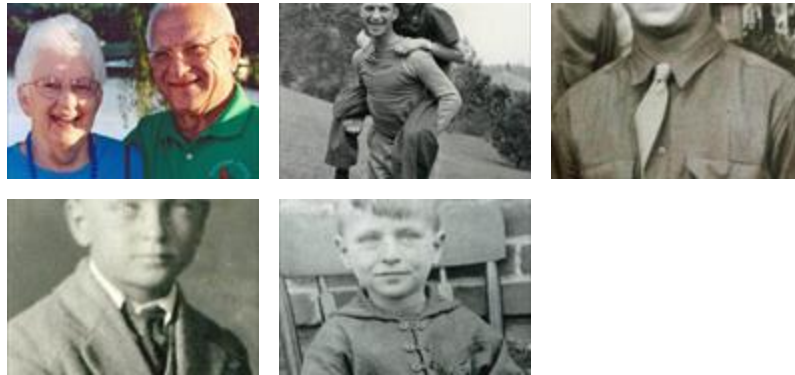
“ Mike and family,

Please accept my sympathies on the passing of your father.

Dan Kauper - November 25, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - November 25, 2015 at 10:52 AM

RB

“ Many great memories of Uncle Ralph and your family. He has had a positive impact on so many people. The world is a better place because of him. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Sandy Dick ,Beth and Jon Brisson

Richard Brisson - November 24, 2015 at 08:54 PM

RT

“ Kathy: Deepest condolences for you and all of your family in the passing of your Dad. Our losses are Heavens gain Take care. Randy Tarsi

Randy Tarsi - November 24, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ralph Izzo.



November 24, 2015 at 08:32 AM