



Ralph Kramer

December 25, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Ralph Kramer of Iron Mountain passed away peacefully after a year long battle with cancer on Tuesday, Dec 25, 2007.

He was born June 13, 1928, in Sagola, son of the late Ralph and Margaret (Paquette) Kramer. He was a lifelong resident of the area and graduated from the Channing High School.

Ralph will always be remembered for his caring and giving nature and for his strong faith and love of family. He was his wife's eyes in her sightless world, loving and sharing his life with her for more than 50 years. He provided guidance and support and an unending amount of love for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ralph's happiest times were spent when he was surrounded by his family and he will be greatly missed. His faith was strong and his love of God was present in all that he did. He was an active participant in his church and lived his life according to his beliefs. He was truly a good man.

He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army with the rank of corporal.

He married Doris (Rau) on Aug. 7, 1954.

He belonged to and was active in St Mary and St Joseph Catholic Church, he

served as the former controller of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and was active in that organization. He was a member of Pleasure Riders Motorcycle Club and took great pleasure in riding and the friends that he made there. He enjoyed woodcarving, reading and lending a hand to his children and friends when needed. He committed his service to a weekly time slot at the Adoration Chapel for St Mary and St Joseph Church.

He was a production clerk at the Groveland Mine for more than 20 years and in the last several years, worked for Superior Equipment of Iron Mountain.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Margaret (Robert) Minerick of Sagola and Carol (Mark) Schultz of Niagara, Wis.; sons, David (Joann) Kramer of Portland, Ore., Brian (Tracy) of Hortonville, Wis., Christopher of Mexia, Texas and Kenneth (Lynn) Kramer of Iron Mountain; grandchildren, Rob (Adrienne) Minerick, Phillip Minerick (special friend, Brooke Spigarelli), Jon Minerick, Sean Kramer, Beth (David) Whitehill, Ben (Sarai) Kramer, Brandon Schultz, Dominic Schultz (fiance, Danielle Lindstrom), Chad Schultz, Miranda Struebing and Jamie Kramer; great-grandchildren, Madison Minerick, Olivia Lindstrom and Trevor Lindstrom; sister, Maryellen (Leo) Hardell of Wausau, Wis.; and brothers, Conrad (Marlene) Kramer of Sagola, Lawrence Kramer of Surprise, Ariz. and Gregory (Ruth) Kramer of Iron River.

Visitation is scheduled for Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church. The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary at 10 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Friday at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be David, Brian, Christopher, and Kenneth Kramer, Robert Minerick, and Mark Schultz.

Although we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and because of the faith he instilled in us we know he goes to a better place. We love you Dad.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus..

Condolence to the family of Ralph Kramer may be expressed online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com.

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

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ *Doris and Family, I am so saddened to hear about Ralph. He was always so good when all of us would go to grandma Cerasoli's and then right next door to be with all you guys. I will keep your mom Doris in my prayers as she now is going to be really lost. At least she still has my step mom Yvonne to do things with.*
Denise Jacobson

Denise Jacobson - January 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Margaret, I never had the pleasure of meeting your father, but he sounded like a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* *Shawn Hagan*

Shawn Hagan - January 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Margaret, So sorry to have just received word of your Father's passing, We extend our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our prayers are with you and may the Lord bless you and your family during this time of need and beyond.*

Dave and Ann Stephenson

Dave & Ann Stephenson - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *I have wonderful memories of childhood summer visits to the farm and will always treasure them. All the Kramers are very special and dear to me. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Please know if there were not so many miles between us, I would be there in person.* *Love, Mary Vangsness Merrell*

Mary Vangsness Merrell - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Margaret, Bob & family-
We were so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Our thoughts
and prayers are with you & your family during this difficult time.
John & Sue Carlson

John & Sue Carlson - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Dear Margaret and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you
all and have been during
this time. Margaret, your children had the previledge of knowing
their grandfather and the
memories and life lessons will live on and on
in their hearts and everyday living.And that is a legacy of a life well
lived. God Bless you and
yours and give you peace.
Rick and Venessa Statum

Venessa Kuzak Statum - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ We were sorry to read about your dad in the paper. He sure
sounded like a great man. Our deepest sympathy to you and your
family.

Karol & Donna Domitrovich - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Dear Doris and family,

Extending our deepest sympathy to you all.

We will hold on to the many good memories of our friendship and fun times during the motor cycling days. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Love, Nita and Glen.

Anita and Glen Westphal - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM