



## Ralph Negro

December 17, 1920 - June 13, 2006

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Ralph D. "Sparky" Negro, 85, of 1000 East E St., Iron Mountain, died Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at Manorcare Health Services in Kingsford.

He was born Dec. 17, 1920, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Domenic and Victoria (Rubbo) Negro. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1939 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Sparky was a U. S. Army veteran of World War II, serving 27 months in Europe and obtaining the rank of corporal.

Sparky married Carol Fornetti on April 10, 1948, in Iron Mountain.

He was an electrician and worked for several local contractors in the area, including M. J. Electric and Paul Electric, where he had worked for more than 20 years. Sparky retired in 1983. He was later employed as the Dickinson County Electrical Inspector. He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Church, Local 219 IBEW, International Association of Electrical Inspectors, the Dickinson County Pilots Association, and a former member of the American Legion Post 50. Sparky also served on the council of the Crystal Lake Senior Citizen Center. He enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family at their cottage on Lake Elwood. He was extremely handy and could fix or build

just about anything.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; a son, Michael (Lois) Negro of Neenah, Wis.; a daughter, Joanne (Larry) Lindholm of Quinnesec; a sister-in-law, Joyce Micensky of Escanaba; a brother-in-law, Rodney (Kathy) Fornetti of Madison, Wis.; and seven grandchildren, Jonathon, Ryan, Jennifer and Angela Negro; Kim, Eric, and Kevin Lindholm.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence, in 1993.

Visitation will be on Friday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ralph "Sparky" Negro online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Carol and Family. Please accept my sincere sympathy on your loss. "Sparky" was special to my mom and dad, who knew him when they worked at Paul Electric.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Mary Jane (Lorraine and Jim Massa's daughter)

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**Mary Jane Werly** - June 20, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are sending our sympathy to you Carol and family and hope as each day passes without "Sparky" that God will give you comfort and peace. We enjoyed talking to him as he walked the neighborhood and we will miss seeing him out on his walks ...our prayers go out to you and you will be in our thoughts many times as you face the difficult days ahead...God bless,sincerely Patti and Bob Forgette

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**Patti and Bob Forgette** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Carol and family. It is with sadness that we hear of your loss....Sparky was a great guy and someone we were happy to know... we are unable to see you at this time because of other commitments but wanted you to know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time...Sincerely Lois and Bruce RIng

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**Bruce and Lois Ring** - June 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM