



Richard Cavaiani

November 24, 1922 - November 24, 2004

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Richard G. Cavaiani, 82, of 905 E. Margaret St., Iron Mountain, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2004, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

He was born March 4, 1922, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Anton and Maria (Bianchini) Cavaiani. Rich has been a lifelong resident of this area and was a 1940 graduate of Iron Mountain High School.

Following his graduation, he attended mechanics school in Chelsea, lower Michigan. Rich served in the U.S. Navy during World War II on the USS Bowie as a second class petty officer and gunfire control officer in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He worked for Lake Shore Inc. for 52 years and retired as their chief estimator in June of 1993.

Rich married Judith Matthews (Bender) on July 7, 1984, in Iron Mountain.

He was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church, the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, and Carpenter-Clash American Legion Post 363. Rich was a charter member of the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Lions Club, organizer and charter member of the Iron Mountain chapter of Ducks Unlimited and had been an active member of Wildlife Unlimited. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Rich also enjoyed playing cards and loved gardening and taking care of his yard.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; two daughters, Ann Marie Tuthill of Appleton, Wis. and Paula (Gary) Chapman of Kingsford; two stepdaughters, Kathy Skog

of Menasha, Wis. and Beth (Lee) Stahl of Neenah, Wis.; two brothers, David (Etta) Cavaiani and Louis Cavaiani of Iron Mountain; a sister, Mary Lancour of Escanaba; four grandchildren, Tara Tuthill and Kelly, Casey and Danny Chapman; seven step-grandchildren, Josh, Ryan and Lindsay Skog, Jenna Stahl, Courtney Bender, and Jordan and Bailee Stahl; and also his four-legged special friend, Abbie.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Parish prayers will be offered Sunday at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

The funeral Mass will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home and at 11 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard Cavaiani 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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“*MaryJo and I would like to express our deepest sympathies to the Cavaiani family. I worked with Dick for many years and had the utmost respect for his depth of knowledge, his insight and his ability to overcome what seemed to be impossible issues. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this most difficult time. Dave Seikel*

Dave and MaryJo Seikel - November 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

PK

“*Mike and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to all of the Caavaiani family. He was a great Lion and all of the members of the Iron Mountain Kingsford Lions Club will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*Pat and Mike Klarich
Iron Mountain Kingsford Lions Club*

Pat and Mike Klarich - November 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM

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“*My deepest condolences to the Cavaiani family. I worked with Dick for several years and enjoyed and respected his abilities, his knowledge, his professionalism, and his sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

Rick Edger

Rick Edger - November 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Chris and I are saddened by the news of Cavi's passing. We will keep all of the Cavaiani family in our prayers. Cavi was an inspirational co-worker and brother Knight. He will be missed by all. He leaves us with many good memories. Rich & Chris Salo

Rich & Chris Salo - November 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Judy & Family, We did not know of Cavi's passing until this morning. Trish & I are deeply saddened to hear this news and so late. Cavi & I worked together for many years and I considered him as my mentor & good friend. I have many thanks to Cavi for where I am now in my career as well as many great memories which will never be forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Ken & Patricia Pini - November 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM