



Robert Bailey

December 17, 1916 - April 9, 2008

KINGSFORD - Robert "Trapper" W. Bailey, 91, of Kingsford, died Weds. April 9 at Maryhill Manor in Niagara. He was born on Dec. 17, 1916 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of the late Ora and Winnona (Nevil) Bailey. Robert graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended Eastern Michigan University and Cleary Business College.

Robert entered the U.S. Army in 1941 and was a drill instructor in Wyoming until 1943. He then transferred to the Army Air Corp, where he was commissioned to a Second Lieutenant. He was a bombardier in a B-17, flying missions over Europe during World War II. He was wounded after thirty-four missions and retired in 1945 as a First Lieutenant. He received the Purple Heart.

Following his retirement from Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. in 1979, Trapper moved to Kingsford from Ypsilanti. Trapper was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He was a life member of the American Legion, the VFW and the DAV.

Trapper married Inger Pedersen in Kimball, Nebraska on Oct. 18, 1941. She preceded him in death on Dec. 29, 1991.

Trapper was a loving father to his two sons Rick (special friend Linda Granquist) Bailey of Kingsford and Wayne (Mary) Bailey of Altadena, CA. He is also survived by one sister Doris Mayher of Ypsilanti, two granddaughters Traci Lynn (Bryan) Sullivan of Glendale, AZ, and Teri Lee (Sasha) Jensen of Los Angeles, Ca, two great granddaughters Maya and Serena Jensen, many nieces and nephews, and his special friends Ward Wender and the Bottesi family.

He was preceded in death by one brother Clyde Bailey.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Iron Mountain V.F.W. Post 3674.

Condolences to the family of Robert W. Bailey can be expressed online at www.tondinfuneralhome.com.

The Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rick,
Sending you our sympathy. We know that friends and family will help you to get through this time of need. You know that you can count on us also. Do not hesitate to call.
Love,
Mike & Debbie

Mike & Debbie Quick - April 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so very very sorry about your dad"Trapper". He is with(wife) Inger now,may they both rest in peace together.... You & family & friends have our sympathy.

Susie & Rudy Piatti - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM