



Robert Esveldt

August 30, 2008

IRON MOUNTAIN - Robert J. Esveldt, 79, of Iron Mountain, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008.

Bob was born March 29, 1929, son of the late Virgil and Elsie (Morris) Esveldt.

He graduated from New Baltimore High School in New Baltimore, Mich. in 1947. Bob served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from 1948-1952. In 1956, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in police administration from Michigan State University where he met his wife, the former Mary Beauparlant.

On July 7, Bob and Mary celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary.

Bob began his career with the State of Michigan's Parole and Probation Office in Detroit. In 1963, he requested a transfer to Iron Mountain where his work as a parole/probation officer/supervisor continued until his retirement 28 years later in 1984. After retirement, he served as Dickinson County Friend of the Court and county clerk. He also served on the special committee to create the charter for the City of Iron Mountain.

He was an active member of the Golden K and enjoyed singing with the Golden Throats. He also enjoyed playing golf, volleyball, hunting, fishing, oil

painting and of course, spending his Tuesdays at camp. He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church.

He was all of the superlatives "loving, laughing, kind, gentle, strong, unassuming" never critical of others. He will be deeply missed.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Karen (Samuel) Houston of Niceville, Fla., Celeste Johnson of Chicago, and Jan (Vishal) Sharma of Appleton, Wis.; son, Jim (Sarah) Esveldt of Oconomowoc, Wis.; a sister, Janet (Ed) Davis of Surprise, Ariz.; grandchildren, Christopher and Catherine Houston, Hannah Johnson, Brian and Carrie Ivacko, Joel, Zoe and Drew Esveldt, and Adam Sanborn; and great-granddaughter, Eden Sanborn.

His son, Peter John, predeceased him in 1971.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of the Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

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

Condolences to the family of Robert Esveldt can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Dear Mary and family:
Bob was always so very kind and always had a smile to share. I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Stefanie*

Stefanie Hunt - September 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Mary -- Just a few words of comfort from an old childhood friend. Although I've been gone from I.M. for many years my heart is still up there.
I'm sorry you lost your husband of so many years but he sounds like a wonderful guy and I'm sure you and your family will be comforted with many great memories of your life together. Mary Zaio Kilgore let me know and forwarded his obit. I'm so thankful she did. My love and blessings to you and your family. Love, Barb*

Barbara Kent Mastio - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *To the girls, Jim and mom, I just want to offer our condolences. I have know of your father/husband for many years. First as the father of a little leaguer with Peter on our team and then me growing up to know the girls. Just wanted to say that you all have my sympathy and trust that you can find the same peace that I recently found in loseing my father. Your family has always been special to me.*

Scott & Brenda Pancheri - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I just wanted to express my sympathy for your whole family! I have very fond memories of Mr. Esveldt both on Woodward avenue & Prospect street!

Julie (Greenleaf) Siegler - September 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Jim and family. I was very sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I was unable to attend his wake I was out of town. i cannot Express how sorry I am for your loss.

your dad was really a neat and nice guy. had to put up with all the fun we had in highschool.

again sorry for your loss.

steve juul

steve juul - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ I have known Bob since 1980 when I first started working for the Dep't. of Corrections. I worked as a Prob/Parole agent in Iron Mountain from 1988 until my retirement last year. Bob was a frequent and welcome visitor. He was liked and respected by all who knew him and I am saddened to learn of his passing. I know he had been in ill health in recent years, but he handled it with his typical dignity. May you take solace in knowing he has found peace with the Lord.

Tony Dallaguarda - September 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM