



Robert Louis

April 24, 2008

KINGSFORD - Robert J. St. Louis, 83, of Kingsford, died unexpectedly Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

He was born Feb. 18, 1925, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Clarence and Ann (Kreitzer) St. Louis.

Bob was a lifelong resident of this area and graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1942. Bob served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. He received educational degrees from Northern Michigan University, University of Michigan, and did graduate work at Michigan State University. Bob was an avid Flivver fan and supporter.

He was a teacher, principal and assistant superintendent of Breitung Township Schools with 35 years of service.

Bob was a faithful servant of Christ. His love of the Lord, his wife and his family was evident in his daily life. Much of his time and talents were used to be of service to others. He valued his many friendships. As an educator, he touched the lives of many. His faith, his leadership abilities and his respect for others made him an inspiration to many.

Bob was actively involved in many service organizations in the community

including Rotary International, the United Way Board, Credit Union Board, Boy Scouts of America Executive Board and the local scouting Board of Review. He was a charter member of the Serra Club and of various local scholarship selection committees. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity and was a volunteer driver instructor and assistant state coordinator for the AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving Program. He served on the Marquette Diocese Board of Education and the Board of Directors for the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Federal Credit Union.

Bob volunteered countless hours as the St. Vincent de Paul counselor to the disadvantaged and in the Jail Ministry program for Dickinson County. He donated more than 20 gallons of blood through the Red Cross. He, along with the late Victor Borga, organized and coordinated a volunteer driver program to provide free transportation to those cancer patients of Dickinson County who were unable to transport themselves to out of town facilities. He was a public speaker at many community events. Bob was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Church, where he served the Lord and his faith community in all areas of church ministry.

Bob was honored by Rotary as a Paul Harris Fellow, received the Silver Beaver Award in adult scouting and the Menominee Range BSA Award of Merit. He was voted the Administrator of the Year by the Region 17 Michigan Education Association (MEA) and Trustee of the Year by the Michigan Library Association. He received the Dickinson County Citizen of the Year Award and the Community Service Award from the Dickinson County Eastern Star.

Bob married the former Margaret (Peggy) McAuliffe on Aug. 4, 1951. He is survived by his wife; his sons, Tom (Chris) St. Louis and children Kim, Pat and Paul; Scott (Tanya) St. Louis and children Olivia and Spenser and his daughter Christine (Mark) Armstrong and children Sarah and Tony. His seven

grandchildren were his pride and joy. He is also survived by three sisters, Lorraine Beauchamp, Rita (Robert) Rubbo and Faye (Jerry) Badini.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home and 10 a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Pat and Paul St. Louis, Spenser St. Louis, Tony Armstrong, Sandy King, and Barry Rosene. Honorary pallbearers will be Roger Baravetto, Gene Farrington, Roger Knapp, Buck LaVigne, Ray Mariucci, and Harry Urbanski.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert St. Louis online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

TD

“ I did not learn of Mr. St. Louis' passing until this weekend at my class reunion.

He was my Principal at the Quinnesec elementary school. He was also the first man I looked up to. He earned respect by the way he treated us. Always compassionate, always fair, always someone you could trust. What a fine role model for all the lives he touched. Also, many years later he attended both of my parent's funerals. Again showing his compassion.

Lastly, he sent me a very nice note congratulating me on a recent award I received.

He was so much to so many.

He will be missed.

Terry Duval

Escanaba

Terry Duval - July 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Peggy & Family: I was recently thinking that the next time I return to the Midwest I would look up Bob St. Louis as I have fond memories going back to when he was my teacher in the 7th grade. That year our family was in bad shape financially as the Ford Motor Co. had moved out of the area about a year before. Bob showed up as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and bestowed gifts on everyone in our family - a truly awesome experience. It deeply touched everyone - especially my Dad & Mom, Henry & Evelyn Beauchamp. We lived at 404 Lyman St., in Kingsford, and Elmer & Bernice Paquette lived right across the street. Elmer, Bernice, and possibly a few other cousins - along with Bob - collaborated so the family of Henry & Evelyn Beauchamp would have a joyful Christmas. And so it was! It became an indelible memory for all of us - a family of 8. Godspeed, Bob! Your presence in this world brought much light & love to a great many who have known you as a "loved one." You certainly were about your Father's business!*

Bob Beauchamp - May 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Peggy & Family: I was recently thinking that the next time I return to the Midwest I would look up Bob St. Louis as I have fond memories going back to when he was my teacher in the 7th grade. That year our family was in bad shape financially as the Ford Motor Co. had moved out of the area about a year before. Bob showed up as Santa Claus on Christmas Eve and bestowed gifts on everyone in our family - a truly awesome experience. It deeply touched everyone - especially my Dad & Mom, Henry & Evelyn Beauchamp. We lived at 404 Lyman St., in Kingsford, and Elmer & Bernice Paquette lived right across the street. Elmer, Bernice, and possibly a few other cousins - along with Bob - collaborated so the family of Henry & Evelyn Beauchamp would have a joyful Christmas. And so it was! It became an indelible memory for all of us - a family of 8. Godspeed, Bob! Your presence in this world brought much light & love to a great many who have known you as a "loved one." You certainly were about your Father's business!*

Bob Beauchamp - May 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Dearest Peg, I was so shocked to hear of Bob's passing. I can only imagine what you must be going through. He was my principal at Quinnesec, and what a great man he was, then I had the pleasure of working with you at the phone company. What a great pair you were. I will be praying for both of you. Love, Mary Flaminio*

Mary Flaminio - May 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Peg and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Bob. Your whole family has been so special to our family. Bob lead a wonderful life and was such a beautiful person. I look back at my mom's passing. We are so fortunate to have people like Bob and my mom in our lives. We have been so blessed with the wonderful memories we have and all that they have taught us and to be the people we are today. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. I love you. Bobby.

Bobby and Lisa Mariucci - May 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Please accept my sincere condolences regarding the passing of your Dad. Bob had an impact on my life as a principal at KJHS. He was truly a fair and loving man of Christ. Scott, Tom, and family, my prayers are with you.

Kim Novara - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I was saddened to hear of Bobs passing. Bob was my Jr. High principal and I have always known and respected him as a man of integrity and principle. Bob served on our vocational scholarship committee and was an excellent member. His wisdom and insight will be greatly missed. We will be sending a donation on behalf of the staff here at the Technical Education Center of the Dickinson Iron ISD. I know Bob was a man of faith and I trust that he is with Christ for eternity. I pray that the love and peace of Christ will be with all of the St. Louis immediate and extended family

Paul Bonsall - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Auntie Peggy, Tom, Scott and Chris our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Love, Garry, Susan and Bryan.

Garry,Susan and Bryan Love - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ We are sincerely sorry for your loss. We know your family will miss his presence in your daily lives, but have peace in the knowledge his strength and faith provided. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Remember to rejoice in the joy and guidance he provided in all your lives.

John & Terri Bryan - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Peg, I can't tell you how sorry we are to here about Bob. A finer and kinder man I have never met. Bob will be missed by so many people. His desire to help people is unparalleled. We will miss him dearly, our thoughts and prayers are with you Peg, and your family, Ted and Sylvia Paquin.

Ted and Sylvia Paquin - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ living in naples fla now ,I REMEMBER MR ST LOUIS IN GRADE SCHOOL HE COACHED OUR BASKETBALL TEAM AND HAD HIM AS A TEACHER IN KINGSFORD HIGH ,HE WAS A GREAT ROLL MODEL FOR ME , AND HE WAS GREAT WITH US KIDS , KEPT US IN LINE , MY THUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU , JERRY BRAY CLASS OF 56 KHS

jerry bray - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Never ever was there a kinder, gentler, sweeter man than Mr. St.Louis. He was my grade school principal at Garden Village, a very long time ago, and after so many years and so many other students, and all the many names and faces he must have encountered.... the first time he saw me (after a long, long time) he said without any hesitation.... well, little Carol Henry! That says everything about the educator he was, he remembered everybody, he made every one of us feel special. He loved his work and it was apparent. In the last several years I've had the pleasure of seeing and working with him through The United Way and was so shocked to hear the news of his passing. I will always have the greatest measure of respect for him and will truly miss seeing and talking with him. God Speed Mr. St.Louis! Deepest Sympathy, Carol Ries

Carol (Henry) Ries - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We extend our heartfelt sympathy to your family. We will always remember Bob's warm friendly smile. He made one feel good just to share a greeting. He was a kind and devout man whose life was an example to all of us of service and love. May wonderful memories give you much comfort and peace.
Elsa & David Brule

David & Elsa Brule - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dear Tom and Family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Although I attended kindergarten in Quinnesec, your Dad was my first real public school principal when we were freshmen at KJHS. I remember him as such a kind man. May many happy memories warm your hearts...think of you...Carol Constantini Jeske

Carol Constantini Jeske - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear Peggy and Family,
We've been out of touch with our Michigan friends and we are deeply saddened to learn of Bob's passing. We have many fond memories of our time at St. Mary Queen of Peace and will pray for you and Bob.
Sincerely, Rich & Chris Salo

Rich Salo - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Peg and Family- Tom and I were so saddened to hear of Bob's passing away. He was such a sweet, respectable and kind gentleman. I well always remember him as my principal(many years ago) and of course throughout our past years together at our meetings, conventions, parties, etc. He will be greatly missed by our family and this community. May our God of peace and comfort, wrap his loving arms around all of you and yours during this most difficult time. All our Love, Gloria & Tom Burlo

Gloria Burlo - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Dear Friends,
Please know that our family is lifting you up in our prayers. May God grant you peace in your grief and may your sorrow be replaced by your precious memories of this great Christian man.
God's peace and love,
Margaret Young and Family

Margaret - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Mrs. St. Louis & Family,

My thoughts and prayers go out to you on Bob's recent passing. I always admired Mr. St. Louis as my former junior high school principal and fellow St. Mary Queen of Peace parishioner. He was a wonderful and caring man. There is a place in Heaven for him.

Sincerely,

Dohn J. Rondeau

Don Rondeau - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Dear Peg and Family,

Like everyone who knew him, we are saddened by Bob's passing, but are secure in the knowledge that he is with the Lord. Never has there been a greater gentleman in the truest sense of the word than Bob St. Louis. Kind, compassionate, friendly, helpful, honest, true, devout, faithful...these and many similar terms just touch on the character of this most remarkable man. He was my principal in Garden Village, my boss at Kingsford Junior High School when I came to Kingsford and again my boss when he served as superintendent. Peg, you and Bob have been a devoted couple who shared in giving to your family, friends, church and the community in so many ways, and provided a shining example of what the partnership of a great marriage can be. A man like Bob will be missed by all who knew him, and cannot be replaced. You all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the Lord continue to hold you in the palm of His hand.

Bill and Jan Cummings

Bill and Jan Cummings - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ *Peggy & Family,*

So sorry to hear about Bob. May God's strength and love help you through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers...

Blessings to you all,

Angela Adam

Angela Adam - April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *Dear Peg & Family,*

I am shocked and so very sorry to hear of Bob's passing. God be good to him and to you. My prayers have been with you ever since I heard the sad news on Friday.

On Wednesday I would like to con-celebrate Bob's Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church if that would be okay with you.

God's Peace,

Father Larry

Father Larry Van Damme - April 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM