



Robert Menghini

November 5, 1925 - November 5, 2007

KINGSFORD - Robert R. Menghini, 82, of Kingsford, died Monday, Nov. 5, 2007, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

He was born March 29, 1925, in Norway, son of the late Floriano and Edith (Tamanini) Menghini. Bob was a 1943 graduate of Norway High School. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the United States Navy and served three years before being honorably discharged from the service in 1946.

During his naval training in Princeton, N.J., he was recruited to play football for Columbia University in New York City. His desire to return to the Upper Peninsula brought him back to attend college at Northern Michigan University under the GI bill. Bob received degrees from Northern Michigan University and the University of Michigan.

On June 26, 1948, he married the former Shirley Johnson in Norway.

Bob began his teaching career in Troy, Mich. and then Channing High School where he also coached varsity boys basketball. He continued his teaching career at Iron Mountain Central Junior High and Iron Mountain High School where he also coached varsity boys basketball. He was named principal at Central Junior High School (K-8).

While at Iron Mountain Schools, Bob was director of Camp Sanford and was awarded the Peter Trudell Conservation Education Award. He was instrumental in the planting and maintenance of the Iron Mountain school forest on Pine Mountain Road. Bob retired with 37 years of dedicated service to educating children.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to camp with his brothers and spending time with his family, especially his five grandsons.

Bob is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Susan (Wayne) Backlund of Marshall, Mich. and Spread Eagle, Wis., Kristine Deckett of Tawas City, Mich. and Joan (Larry) Swartout of Iron Mountain; brothers, Floyd "Cracker" (Dorothy) Menghini of Loretto, Clarence "Tony" (Marge) Menghini of Kingsford and Wallace "Doc" (Gwen) Menghini of Kingsford; a sister-in-law, Norma Zemek of Egan, Minn.; grandsons, Robert Backlund of Jackson, Wyo., David Deckett of Tawas City and Thomas, Alex and Andrew Swartout of Iron Mountain; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Ernest "Boots" Menghini, Rudolph "Dolpho" Menghini, Herman "Mono" Menghini and August "Jake" Menghini and a sister, Ann Zeni.

Private family services were held.

Memorials in his memory can be sent to W9240 Beverly St., Iron Mountain, Mich. 49801. Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert Menghini online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. He is remember as was one of the better teachers while I attended Junior and Senior high in the early - mid 50's. My heart felt condolences to Joan and family.

Peter La Count - November 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the familiy Robert Menghini on the loss of your loved one.
My sincere love and prayers to my friend Joan and her family in this time of sadness. May the Lord comfort you all and turn your grief into joy knowing that your Father, Husband, and Granfather is with his Heavenly Father and you will be reunited again during that great resurection to come.

Sincerely,

Michael A Thompson

4419 Foxfire Trail, Portage, MI 49024

Michael A Thompson - November 11, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Joan and family, I hope knowing you have so many people whose thoughts and prayers are with you can ease your pain a little. Hearing about your father, not having known him, it's easy to see where you got your great attitude and sense of humor!

Kathryn Girard - November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so saddened to hear of your loss. I remember "Mr. Man" from Jr. High School and 8th. grade camp. He was so handsome and full of life. He taught with humor and kindness, but managed to be a disciplinarian while being so likeable too. He was one of my favorite teachers. I hardly ever remember him without a smile on his face, except for maybe if the World Series didn't go the way he wanted it to go...

Know that I am thinking of your family (especially Joan and family and Susan and family whom I know)with prayers and sympathy.

Alice Reed - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Mr. Menghini was my teacher 46 years ago and I still remember his kindness, sense of humor, and happiness when he saw one of his former students. He truly was a great guy. My condolences to his family.

Phil Johnson Gurnee Illinois

Phil Johnson - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Dear Shirley and Family,

I am sorry for the loss of your husband,father, and grandfather. I have been thinking of you daily since we saw you in the nursing home when our mother, Mary, was there. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you daily.

With sympathy,

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Terese (Verrette) Jahnke - November 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM