



## Robert William Wesch

August 6, 1925 - March 28, 2015

Robert W. "Bob" Wesch, 89, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Bob was born August 6, 1925 in Brookfield, IL, son of the late George and Irma (Baumman) Wesch. He graduated from Riverside Brookfield in 1943. After graduation Bob joined the U.S. Coast Guard as a sonar operator. He was discharged in 1946 and located himself to Brainerd, MN. He found employment at Benson Optical where he met his wife to be, Drusilla Mae Forsberg. They were married at her family home on October 8, 1949. Bob worked at the Hannah Mining Co. in Crosby, MN as a draftsman and was transferred to this area in 1962 working at the Groveland Mine in the geology dept. until his retirement in 1980. He was a very talented craftsman and built several homes over the years, the first being the family cabin in Merrifield, MN which is still used and loved by the family. Bob enjoyed the out-of-doors, fishing, canoeing, downhill skiing, which he was proud to say he did until age 74, and in his later years wood carving. Bob could often be found reading, westerns being his favorite.

Robert is survived by a son, Scott (Sue) Wesch of Red Wing, MN; a daughter, Sue (David) Paternoster of Kingsford; four grandchildren, Mike (Sarah) Paternoster of Marquette, Dan (Jaime) Paternoster of Iron Mountain, Allison Wesch and Jennisue (John) Benjamin, both of Red Wing, MN; three great

grandchildren, Halle, Samantha and Addison; two sisters-in-law, Jean Burch of Seattle, WA and Vivian Forsberg of St. Paul, MN; a brother-in-law, Ted Dreher of AR; and several nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife, Drusilla; a sister, Jan Dreher; three brothers-in-law, Harold and John Forsberg and Reed Burch.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11:00am to 12:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 12:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. Geri Hamlin will officiate. A luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall in the lower level of Trinity United Methodist Church after the services.

There will be a private family interment in Brainerd, MN at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert W. Wesch online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Our dear sweet Uncle Bob, such a wonderful smile and great stories! Many cherished memories at North Long, and Edward. We always loved our car trips to the UP, and I personally loved when we went skiing over Thanksgiving once! Card games, learning new crazy card games are all such fond memories! Were they made up on the spot?!

Touring your mine was so very interesting when I was young. You were a wonderful tour guide! All of your carpenter skills at our cabin, you were always ready for a challenge! Helping Joe & I dig the trench for the new electrical to the garage...such a team player and helpful man - always!

All our love, hugs and prayers to your family our awesome cousins,.Let's all remember the great times and get together soon and more often to create more fun memories!!

We will see you soon :-)

Love, Liz, Joe, Jessica, Bethany, Tony and Auntie Viv

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**Liz Hintze** - April 04, 2015 at 10:56 AM

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“ Uncle Bob, you will be missed. All of the times at North Long and Maplewood. Rest well.

Al, Karen, Sammie and Becky Forsberg

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**Karen** - April 04, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert William Wesch.*



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April 04, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Robert William Wesch.*



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April 03, 2015 at 11:29 AM