



Roy Leonard

January 23, 1919 - January 23, 2009

FELCH - Roy G. Leonard, 90, a retired electrician, died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009, at ManorCare Health Center in Kingsford.

Mr. Leonard was born in Bagley, Mich., in 1918. He was a World War II veteran who served in the Army Air Corps, and was a longtime member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

After traveling to New York for the World's Fair in 1938, he stayed to work as a welder at the Robins Dry Docks in Brooklyn, N.Y. for two years, before moving back to Marinette, Wis.

During World War II, he was stationed at San Angelo, Texas, and Independence, Kan., with duties as a tower controller. After the war, he returned to Marinette and began working as an electrician. His job took him around the country, and he moved to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the early 60s, where he worked as an electrician until his retirement, living in Felch for many years.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and was known for always having a big heart and always being there to help his neighbors. He was a member of the Masons for many years.

Mr. Leonard is survived by his wife Lyda "Deeny" Nelson Leonard; daughters, Virginia Carney of Aldie, Va; Nelda Iacono of Punta Gorda, Fla.; Rebecca Leonard-Tardiff of Peshtigo, Wis.; Rita (Greg) Johnson of Vulcan and Hope (Wayne) Whitaker of Felch; and sons, Sigfred (Sharon) Sundholm of Elgin, Ill. and David (Susan) Sundholm of Felch. Survivors also include his sister, Joyce (Carl) Harteau, 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Lillian Smith, Mary Louise Warshall, and Vivian Victor; and infant brother, Forrest Leonard.

Visitation will be Sunday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and on Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan.

The funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. on Monday at the church. Rev. Bill Jacobson will officiate.

Burial will be in Felch Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Roy Leonard may 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

RB

“ Dear Hope, Wayne, and kids,

Hi from your ole' Caregiver, Rhonda. How are you all? I saw the passing of your Dad, Hope, and I wanted to let you know I have thought and offered some prayers for each of your family. I really enjoyed working up there. I learned a lot from you all....I appreciated your kindness and the shared faith =) May your Dad rest in peace...good ole' Roy=) Take care!

Rhonda Brey

Rhonda Brey - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Dear Deeny & Family,

I'm sorry to hear of Roy's passing. My condolences go to each of you. Roy was always so nice and liked to joke with us. My thoughts and prayers are with you. -Kelly

Kelly (Steele) Westphal - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Dear Deeny, David, Sue, Rita, Hope and families,
I was saddened to hear about Roy's passing; he will be greatly missed. I specially wish I could be there in person to express my condolences. But due to the fact that the Michigan Senate is presently in session, I have to be at work. Time does heal somewhat, and you have all those treasured memories of him that will be with you all forever. I want to extend my deepest sympathies to every one of you, and I also want you and your families to know that you all will be in my thoughts and prayers this week. God's special blessings to you. Joy

Joy (Erickson) Brewer - January 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM