



Rueben Anderson

November 25, 1917 - November 25, 2011

Rueben A. Anderson, 94, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, November 25, 2011 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford.

Rueben was born August 28, 1917 in Commonwealth, WI, son of the late August and Mary Anderson. Except for three years spent in south Texas, he grew up in Stambaugh, MI, graduating from Stambaugh High School in 1935. Following graduation, Rueben worked as a carpenter until the depression. He then worked on WPA projects until 1941 when he became a driller & blaster working underground in the mines. Rueben married Lorraine Leonard in Crystal Falls in 1941 and they moved to Iron Mountain in 1944 when Rueben took a position at Ford Motor Co. as a welder. He started building a new house in Kingsford in 1946, which he completed and moved his family into in 1947. When Ford shut down, Rueben became employed at the Niagara Paper Mill where he worked until his retirement. He was a lifelong musician, playing the slide trombone. He played in the WPA, Ford, Dickinson Area and Old Comrades Bands. Rueben also played in dance orchestras on the weekends. He was always first chair.

Rueben is survived by two sons, Richard Anderson of Florence and Joseph Anderson of Kingsford; a granddaughter, Tricia (Jason) Wilke of the Phoenix area; two grandsons, Joseph (Michelle) Anderson of Auburn Hills, MI and Michael (Courtney) Anderson of the Phoenix area; and five great

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine in 1992 and a son, Charles.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 30, from 9:30 to 10:30a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 11:00a.m. at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rueben Anderson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **30**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

DN

“ I was very sorry to hear of Uncle Rueben's passing. I have wonderful memories of him, and I know he had the great respect of my parents, Kay and Rollin Leonard. Condolences to my good cousins Dick and Joe. Doug Leonard

Doug Leonard - Milwaukee, WI - nephew - December 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Oiva and I want to express our sympathy to Joe and Dick.

We were glad that we had an opportunity to visit with Rueben in July. He was always such a pleasant gentleman. He built my mother and dad's house in 1949-1950. He gave me a large picture of the confirmation of my mother, Agnes, my aunt Sigred and Uncle Emil from about 1915 as I have been working on the family history for many years which I appreciated very much.

Diana Moilanen - Lakeland, FL - cousin - December 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Condolences to the Anderson family. Will miss my short visits with Reuben as he went for his almost daily walks. He is in my prayers. Allan Dighera

Allan Dighera - Kingsford. , MI - neighbor - November 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Joe and Dick,

Our family wishes to extend our condolences to both of you. Your Dad was a great man and I really enjoyed him as my uncle. We always had a really good time fishing, boating, riding in the back of his pick-up, all the fishfries and parades and band concerts. Just really great memories.

"Thanks Uncle Reuben!"

*Your cousin,
Lenny and family*

Len Adzima - Pickerington, OH - nephew - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *I knew the Anderson family during the '50s and '60s. Rich and I were in the KHS band and attended Michigan Tech. I would hear Rueben and son Charles (Chas) play in the band, the last time at the Iron River Historical Museum, date unknown. The Anderson family was truly an All-American Family.*

Dennis Kolehmainen - Aurora, CO - Son Richard's friend, classmate - November 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM