



## Valentine Richtig

April 2, 2007

IRON MOUNTAIN - Valentine L. "Tinkala" Richtig, 95, of 429 Blaine St. in Iron Mountain, died Friday, March 30, 2007, at Freeman Convalescent Home.

He was born Dec. 27, 1911, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Paul and Mary (Mortl) Richtig.

He was a lifelong resident of Iron Mountain, and he attended Iron Mountain Schools.

He married Celia Clements of Bradley Wis. on Feb. 18 1941.

He served his country as a corporal in the Army Air Force During World War II.

He worked in the local mines as a youth and was employed by Ford Motor Co. and Bacco Construction Co.

He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He also took great pride in his vegetable garden and lawn. He was blessed with a beautiful tenor voice and had a passion for singing his entire life. More recently at Freeman's, he enjoyed bowling, bingo and Trivial Pursuit. He enjoyed his large family and had a great love for little children. We will never

forget his memorable stories, positive attitude and great sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife; Celia; four sons, Gary (Jeannine) Richtig of Spread Eagle, Wis., John (Joanie) Richtig of Iron Mountain, Dave (Chris) Richtig of Aurora, Wis. and Jim (Lisa) Richtig of Kingsford; three daughters, Rena Richtig of Mt. Pleasant, Maria (Donald) Gerred of Janesville, Wis. and Pamela (Rev. Bill) Hohman of Merrill, Wis.; one brother, William Richtig of ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford; 27 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two children, Dennis Richtig in 1948 and Brenda Yuhasey in 2004; brothers, Paul, John, Mike and Christ; and sisters, Frances, Elizabeth, Mary and Victoria.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

A rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home and 10 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be Gary, John, Dave and Jim Richtig, Daniel Yuhasey, and Christopher Richtig.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Valentine Richtig can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with

arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

PM

“ *Rena, Gary, John, and family,  
My sympathy to you all for the loss of your father. He had a very long and fruitful life. He shares a very interesting first name with my father Valentine (Ting) Moroni.  
Know that he is with the Lord this Easter season.  
My prayers are with you.  
Paul*

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**paul moroni** - April 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Dearest Pat and children,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you with the loss of your hubby and dad. I would have come up to the funeral but I recently had an ankle fusion and am still on crutches ( and am not suppose to be driving). 3 weeks after my surgery Monica fell in the garage- cracked her ankle in 2 places and SHE TOO is now on crutches.  
We may not be there in person BUT we will certainly lift you all up in spirit and prayer. "Tink" was quite the Santa Claus WAY WAY back in my childhood and I still remember the time that I first knew something was "fishy" when I saw him "raise " up his beard and take a sip of Bosch Beer. GREAT many memories from years ago!!  
He'll be able to "tip" one or two now with the rest of the deceased "NORT SIDERS". God's love and blessings to you all!!!!  
BOBBY*

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**Bob and Monica Mortel** - April 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Dear Richtig family, My deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. When I was a little boy, Tinkala was Santa Claus for our family. He was a longtime friend of my dad, Joe Schinderle.*

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**Bob Schinderle** - April 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We were sorry to read about your husbands and fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

*Deepest Sympathy,*

*John & Kari DeClarkw*

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**John & Kari DeClark** - April 03, 2007 at 12:00 AM