



## Wilbert Store

September 23, 1924 - July 22, 2012

Wilbert W. Store,

87, of Oak Crest active adult community in Norway, formerly of Newago. died peacefully on Sunday, July 18, 2012 at his home.

Wilbert was born Sept. 23, 1924 in Mass City, MI, was raised and attended school in that area. He joined the U.S. Navy at seventeen years old and served during WWII in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of operations. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in February 1946. Wilbert married the former Vivian Aho and they were together raising their family in Mass City for thirty two years. Wilbert worked in many capacities for the White Pine Copper Mine in Ontonagon. He became a union representative for the mine and helped with contract negotiations. He was also instrumental in the formation of the White Pine Credit Union.

Wilbert married his wife Dorothy and the couple spent over twenty years in Newago, MI and enjoyed spending many winters in Florida. Wilbert was a life member of the Newago Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Grand Rapids Disabled American Veterans and the Croton American Legion. He was very handy and a talented electrician. Wilbert enjoyed repairing electrical equipment, hunting, cooking and playing his guitar.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and his son Randy.

Wilbert is survived by his children, Carolyn Thomas of Iron Mountain, Linda (Bob) Murway of Denver, CO; Stepchildren, Paula (Bill) Barr of Sand Lake, MI, Bill (Fran) Martin of Ocala, FL, Nancy (Dale) Joley of Grant, MI, Carole Hanlon of Fremont, MI, Steve (Ginny) Martin of Ravenna, MI and Gaila (Wayne) Hendrick of Newago. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, July 27 at the Erickson, Rochon & Nash funeral home of Iron Mountain. Services will begin at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the Funeral Home. Rev. Peter Erickson will officiate. Military Graveside services will take place on Tuesday, July 31st at the Ashland Center Cemetery.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 27. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for the passing of your father.

John Leaman - El Segundo, CA - Former-Neighbor - August 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I was very sorry to hear of Wilbert's passing. Our family enjoyed the opportunity to get to know Wilbert and Dorothy while they lived in Newaygo.

Janet Breen - Newaygo, MI - neighbor - August 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Wilbert & his wife Dorothy were our neighbors for several years. I remember every time I would be at the mail box he would yell to me, "Good Mornin'!" He will be sadly missed. Rest in peace, Wilbert.

Bill & Sharon Cook - Newaygo, MI - Neighbor - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OC

“ Harlan & our Walters family extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of your dad. We recall meeting him a few times the years we were your neighbor. Our sympathy to Linda too and to Scott & his family. Our love and prayers are with you.

Orice

Orice Walters - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend of Carol - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ Dear Linda, Carolyn and your families,  
Our deepest sympathy to you all on the loss of your father and grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Uncle Wilbert will be truly missed and especially his "never-ending" wit!  
Fondly, Eleanor and Francis Martin

ELEANOR MARTIN - Milford, MI - Niece - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ OH Wilbert! Finally you are at peace, no more oxygen machine! You were a wonderful friend to me! You always made me laugh and were truly a joy. I promise you that I will get married one day! just not yet. I know you would ask me if I was married yet, basically every day! I never had the chance to tell you, but my birthday is September 22nd. The day before yours! You were a very Special person to me and always will be. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to have such a wonderful friend. You will be missed greatly, but you will never be forgotten. I will see you again one day. Give me at least 60 years and I will see you again! I Love you!

Love always,

Vanessa Milbrath

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Vanessa Milbrath - Norway, MI - Friend and Aid! - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM