



## Wilford "Sonny" Hill

June 23, 1931 - April 15, 2015

Wilford E. "Sonny" Hill, 83, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain after a five month battle with a brain tumor.

Sonny was born June 23, 1931 in Sault Ste Marie, MI, son of the late Earl and Lempi (Kemppainen) Hill. He graduated from Marquette High School in 1949 and was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War. He was awarded three medals while serving. Sonny married Barbara Jane Denison on September 25, 1954 in Marquette, MI. He was employed as a service manager in the mining division with Lake Shore - Oldenburg Group for many years. Sonny was skilled at many things, especially small engine repair. He loved to fix anything that was broken. He found great pleasure taking things apart and then putting them back together in working order. Sonny was an avid Packers and Tigers fan. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to camp and building RC airplanes.

Sonny is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barb; a daughter, Tracy (Robert) Staple; two sons, Robert S. (Greta) Hill and Conrad E. (Diane) Hill; a sister, Lillian Hill Rivers; five grandchildren, Katie (Jeff) Schroeder; Kyle Gunville; Bronwyn (C.J.) Hill-Parker; Toren Hill; and Deacon Edward Looney, and four great grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Sonny's family would like to thank the staff at the VA Hospital for the exceptional care that Sonny received while he was in the hospice unit.

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

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilford "Sonny" Hill.*



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