



## Wilfred Gardiner

October 23, 1920 - November 7, 2005

### "Wilfred Gardiner"

KINGSFORD - Wilfred J. "Ding" Gardiner, 85, of 812 Skidmore Drive, Breitung Township, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2005, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

He was born Oct. 23, 1920, in Stephenson, son of the late Michael and Alice (Nadon) Gardiner. Ding was a 1939 graduate of Kingsford High School and an honorably discharged World War II army veteran. He worked as a structural iron worker for Iron Workers Local 8 in Milwaukee until his retirement in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Beverlee; two sons, James (Sharon) Gardiner of Spread Eagle, Wis. and Robert (Mary) Gardiner of Lake Zurich, Ill.; four daughters, Carol (Dan) Herman of Neilsville, Wis., Darlene (Bill) Haigh of Breitung Township, Connie (Ray) Ryder of Neenah, Wis. and Dorothy Rose of Bismark, N.D.; seven brothers, Henry (Jean) Gardiner of New York, Carl (Jerre) Gardiner of Norway, Bernard (Ursula) Gardiner of California, Joseph (Gabriella) Gardiner of Washington, Bill (Carole) Gardiner of Arkansas, Gene (Audrey) Gardiner of Pennsylvania and Charles Gardiner of Iron River; three sisters, Joan Dugas of Maryland, Donna Freidman of Georgia and Alice (Ed) Kadletz of Iron Mountain; 20 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Michael and Francis Gardiner and a sister, Stella McNeil.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Wilfred "Ding" Gardiner online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Jim & family,

*As you might/might not know, I have remarried and relocated to Port Washington, Wisconsin. I am so sorry to read about the death of "Ding," in the obituaries on-line. I still think of the good times we spent in White Pine when he and Al were doing ironwork and building the White Pine Copper Mine.*

*Maybe you can stop in sometime out to the lake next summer. I still come up sporadically during the summer. Would like to see you and Sharon.*

*Again, please accept my/our sincere sympathy.*

*Sally & Paul Ehrlich*

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**Sally Schirk-Ehrlich & family** - November 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM