



William "Bill" Burkart

June 1, 1926 - April 17, 2011

William E. "Bill" Burkart, Jr., 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born June 1, 1926 in Wausau, WI, son of the late William Sr. and Grace (Maijala) Burkart. After high school, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of WWII. He married Dorothy DeGrave on May 24, 1947 at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain. Bill was a farmer and woodworker for many years. He also worked at Manor Care Nursing Home in maintenance for 15 years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and the Florence VFW Post #3635. Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorothy; a son, James (Tammy) Burkart of Florence; a daughter, Ann Kaya of Iron Mountain; seven grandchildren, Sharon Ann, Sheldon, Sonny, Sadie, Salena, Daniel and Katelyn; four great grandchildren, Tristan, Faith, Kiersten and Dylan; two sisters, Lorraine Smahel of Milwaukee, WI and Virginia (Kenneth) Michaelson of Rockford, IL; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas and Robert and two sisters, Mabel Radaj and Marie Harvey.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:30am at the Erickson-Rochon

and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of William Burkart may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

APR **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dorothy, Jim & Ann*
So very sorry to read of Bill's passing. We always enjoyed visiting with you when we came up to visit mom & dad (Leo & Lily). They thought so highly of all of you and enjoyed being neighbors. Our Mike & Lisa still remember and talk about their times with Jim & Ann. Thoughts & prayers to all of you.
Dan & Barbara

Dan & Barbara McCoy - Zephyrhills, FL - April 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have many fond memories of working with him at Manor Care. Seems we always were playing jokes or pranks on him, but he took it all in stride. Dorothy, Jim, and Ann, although I don't really know you, Bill always spoke fondly, and highly of all of you. He was very proud and protective of his family. I was lucky to have gotten to know him through our work, he was a good man indeed. God Bless you all in your time of sorrow, not only today but in the days to come.*

Nancy LaFreniere - Norway, MI - co worker/ friend - April 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM