



William "Bill" Cavaiani

May 14, 1917 - May 14, 2010

William F. "Bill" Cavaiani, 93, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, May 14, 2010, at St. Paul Elder Services in Kaukauna, Wis.

Bill was born on Oct. 30, 1916, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Alfred and Margaret (Giachino) Cavaiani. He was salutatorian of the graduating class of 1934 at Iron Mountain High School and went on to attend Dundon Business College.

Bill was a World War II veteran serving as a first sergeant in the Army Air Corp from 1942-1945. He married Ardis Backlund on Sept. 6, 1941, and she preceded him in death in 1978. On February 4, 1983, Bill married Catherine "Kaye" Orzechowski, who preceded him in death in 2007.

He was employed at Wittock Supply Co. for more than 20 years as office manager. Bill and his brother, Albert "Gabber," owned and operated Cavi's Supper Club in Aurora, Wis. for more than 25 years.

He was a longtime member of the Elks Club, the Lions Club and St. Mary and St. Joseph Church. Bill enjoyed music and was an accomplished musician who played the violin, guitar and cornet. Along with his brother and occasionally his father, Bill was a key part of a number of dance bands that played for years throughout the Midwest.

He was an avid fast pitch softball player until his mid 40s when he took up golfing. In 1988, Bill shot a hole-in-one on #17 at Oak Crest Golf Course where he was a member for many years. With his quick wit and warm smile, Bill touched countless friends, relatives, and strangers with a kind word or thoughtful deed. He enjoyed nothing more than spending time with family and friends and will be sadly missed.

Bill is survived by three sons, William L. (Bonnie) Cavaiani of New Berlin, Wis. and children, Cheri (Rick) Miller, Michele (Dennis - deceased) Kardaris, and Jeff (Oumalay), Don (Candace) Cavaiani of Appleton, Wis. and children, Lisa, Dawn Marie, Angela (Jeff) Hoffman, Paul (Jackie), and Rick, and Randy (Maureen) Cavaiani of North Barrington, Ill. and children, Erin and William J.; two stepdaughters, Kelly (Nick) Davis and children, Abigail and Alec and Jackie (Jeff) Minton and children, Lakota and Hunter; 11 great grandchildren: Paul, Sean, Alex, Attilio, Elliana, David, Brandon, Danny, Isabella, Westin and Frankie; two nieces, Patti (Bob) Forgette and Renee` (Ron) Paquette; two nephews, Fred (Alice) Cavaiani and Ralph (Diane) Cavaiani; special friends, Roger and Pat Baravetto; and his friends and the staff at Evergreen Assisted Living.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Albert "Gabber" Cavaiani.

Visitation will be Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will accord military graveside honors.

Pallbearers will be Fred, Ralph, Jeff, Paul, Rick, and William J. Cavaiani.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Paul Elder Services, Hospice Care, 316 E. Fourteenth St., Kaukauna, Wis. 54130.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of William "Bill" Cavaiani online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 17. 11:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

EM

“ To the family of Bill Caviani~Bill's smiling face and kind heart will be missed at Evergreen. I always looked forward to meeting him in the hall or guiding him to meals. Hugs to all of you. God Bless...Erin Carlson

Erin Carlson - Foster City, MI - May 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sadness. Always enjoyed visits with Cousin Bill. He has always been a kind gentle person and a Blessing to know. Keep those great memories to help get you all thru this time of sorrow.
Love to all, Cousin Rose

PS - I just happened to open the Iron Mtn. news & saw of Bill's death. Sorry I didn't know sooner to make his funeral but my thoughts are with all of you.

Rose & Dan Miron - Marinette, WI - 1st Cousin - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I worked at Evergreen and Bill was truly one of my favorites! Such a gentle soul with a beautiful smile. Bill played with my grandfather in the past as a musician, and it was so fun to reminisce with him. He will be so greatly missed and you are so blessed to have had him in your life, as was I to have met him. My condolences on your loss. God's blessings to your family.

Diane - Kingsford, MI - May 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Randy, Maureen, Erin, Will and entire Cavaiani family,
Our sincerest condolences on your dad's passing. It is very obvious
he was deeply loved and had lived a wonderful life. We are so
appreciative that we were able to have met him.

Love,
Maureen and John

Maureen and John Gallagher - Bartlett, IL - May 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ I fondly remember Bill as a dear friend and co-worker at Wittocks.

Noreen (Rossi) Rice - Ypsilanti, MI - friend and co-worker - May 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM