



## William D'Amour

January 7, 2010

KINGSFORD - Dr. William D'Amour, 88, of Kingsford died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2010, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 2, 1921, in Green Bay, Wis., son of the late George and Albina (Frechette) D'Amour. He grew up in Goodman, Wis.

Bill graduated from St. Norbert High School and College. In 1944, he graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry as one of the few dentists that graduated in five years due to the need for dentists during World War II.

He married the former Priscilla Sewall while serving in the U.S. Navy. He then returned home to Goodman to begin his dental practice in the front of his small home. Four of his oldest children were born there. He moved to the Iron Mountain-Kingsford area in 1953, and established his dentistry practice. After 53 years in practice, he retired in 1998 at the age of 77.

He leaves behind a legacy of dentists in the family as his son, Robert and his granddaughter, Makaela are now following in his footprints. Another granddaughter, Aimee is currently attending dental school at his alma mater.

He was an avid outdoorsman and could be found many a day chasing down

some wild prey or luring in some fish from the many lakes of the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin. His other interests include golfing and bowling as well as being a diehard Packer Backer having held season tickets for many years. He was also a member of the Pine Grove Country Club, Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, and St. Mary Queen of Peace Church. He will be missed by the travelers to the airport where he enjoyed his daily walks down the airport road. He always had a smile on his face and had every car trained to honk and wave at him as they rode by. His joyous spirit was contagious. We pray that his spirit of friendliness lives on in the hearts of those he touched.

He is survived by five children, Mary (Bill) Paupore of Kingsford, George D'Amour of Kenmore, Wash., John (Nancy) D'Amour of Wenatchee, Wash., Rosemary (Lee) Manner of Naples, Fla., and Dr. Robert (Maria) D'Amour of Kingsford; 16 grandchildren, Michelle, Bill, Mark, Beth, Paul, Jennifer, Jessica, Aleksei, Makaela, Margie, Aimee, Amanda, David, Ashley, Jason, and Brooke; and 15 great-grandchildren, Meagan, Kyle, Danielle, Liam, Simon, Jacob, Emily, Brandon, Taylor Rose, Marissa, Chloe, Alev, Eero, Cayden, and Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Priscilla in 2001; by one son, Kenneth in 2003; and by his brother, Jack D'Amour.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 12 noon at St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford. Fr. Michael Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dr. William D'Amour online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *Sorry to hear of Uncle Bill's passing.*

*Our sympathy & prayer to the family.*

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**David & Mary D'Amour** - January 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Grandpa D'amour will be missed, but he will always dwell in our hearts and memories.*

*I donated money to help the people of Haiti in his name.*

*Godbless y'all*

*Jason*

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**Jason Winbourn** - January 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *We were sad to hear the news, our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.*

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**Don & Mary Jo Hanson** - January 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TQ

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. D'Amour.  
He was my dentist and friend for many years*

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**Terry Quick** - January 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Mary, and D'amour family,

*So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. But what a wonderful life he lived. Such a down to earth caring person, father, grandfather. Growing up, I was always afraid to go to the dentist. Then, Mary, you and I became friends, and when I first went to your house, I thought, WOW! he's a real person also. Know that you all are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. And as you all mourn his loss, rejoice in the thought that he is now at rest with your Mom.*

*Sandie and Charlie Mitchem*

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**Sandie and Charlie Mitchem** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Bob, Maria and Family, my deepest sympathy. I am going to miss meeting Bill on the airport walking path and all the wonderful hours of conversation we had over the years. He was a great man.*

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**Ray Famiani** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MY

“ *Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of Dr. D'Amour's family. Our community will miss his smile!*

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**Margaret Young** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear D'Amour Family,

*Your Dad was the dentist of our youth, and a lot of other kids from Felch. He was affable, caring and affordable - allowing many of us to receive dental care in the 50's. We pray that he is resting in eternity with His God, and that you will be strengthened by this knowledge.*

*Sincerely,*

*David and Mary Lou Blomquist*

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**David and Mary Lou Blomquist** - January 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *Our prayers and sympathy go out to the family of Dr. DAmour. This is from Rosemary's friend and Makaela's godmother, Denise and my husband Curt. What a beautiful obituary and tribute to your father!*

*We'll never forget how proud he was at Makaela's graduation from the School of Dentistry last May. He was truly beaming with pride! He was reminiscing too, on his own graduation and your mother, Priscilla, whom he loved so much. I am sure God will bring them back together now in His Eternal peaceful kingdom.*

*May the love and peace of Christ be with all of Dr. DAmour's family at this mournful time.*

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**Denise and Curtis Manninen** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Bob, Maria and Family,  
My heart goes out to you all! He was a wonderful man and truly  
cared about others. He meant alot to me and wanted you to know  
that you are in my prayers very often and hope all is well for you.  
May god keep you safe and know that others truly care! Love,  
Sally*

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**sally** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *OUR DEAPEST SYMPATHY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WAS SUCH A  
GOOD MAN. I AM GLAD I HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT HIM JUST  
BEFORE I LEFT FOR FLORIDA,*

*BOBBI LOFSTROM, MICCO, FLORIDA*

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**LEE AND BOBBI LOFSTROM** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Dr. DAmour was always very good to my family. He tried to make  
our appointments as pleasant as possible. We all liked and  
respected him. Our sincere condolences go out to the family.  
Respectfully, Don Barribeau*

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**Don Barribeau** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. D'Amour. I had the privilage of talking with him while on my walk and his daily walks down the airport road. He always had a big wave for everyone who drove by. I will miss not seeing him walking down that road. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and peace of God be with you all in the days to come and the support of family and friends comfort your sorrow. Gods Peace,  
Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer

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**Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM