



## William Martin

April 10, 1923 - May 14, 2006

William Martin II

KINGSFORD - William "Bill" Martin II, 83, of Kingsford, died Sunday, May 14, 2006, at Freeman's Nursing and Rehabilitation Community in Kingsford.

Bill was born April 10, 1923 in Chicago, son of the late William and Stella (Boivin) Martin. He was a World War II veteran serving as a colonel in the United States Air Force and was awarded the bronze star and purple heart.

Bill married Ora Woodward on Jan. 6, 1946, in Topeka, Kan. He worked as a contract inspector for the U.S. government for many years until retirement.

Bill enjoyed the outdoors and wood carving. He carved many beautiful creations of spectacular skill and art. Bill was also an avid snowmobile rider and was hugely instrumental in the formation of the Tri-County Snowmobile Club. He knew every trail in the area and was a part of implementing the railroad bridge used to access the Wisconsin trails.

Bill loved his family very much and especially adored his wife of 60 years, Ora. He spent the last 1 1/2 months with her in the nursing home while he was sick, and their love never wavered in sickness or in health.

Bill is survived by his wife, Ora; a son, Bill (Sherry) Martin of Hermansville; two

daughters, Lynn (Ken) Kramer and Jan (Steve) Davidson, both of Iron Mountain; two brothers, Eugene (Pat) Martin of Peoria, Ill. and Raymond Martin of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Marlene Winchester of Carpentersville, Ill.; 11 grandchildren, Tara, Crystal, Caleb, Logan, Mariah, Jamie, Tiffany, Heather, Amber, Chad and Miranda; and two great-grandchildren, Ethan and Rylee.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lorraine.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Memorial services will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bill Martin 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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“ *It has been many years, but good friends are never forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Jeff Lyman** - May 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. Good memories of him will live forever for many many people. My heart goes out to the family during this sad time.*

*Sandra Kaye*

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**Sandra Kaye Pukall** - May 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father. We all have many great memories of him and know what a wonderful person he was. Please know our hearts and prayers are with all of you in this sad time.*

*The Smeester Family*

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**Smeester** - May 17, 2006 at 12:00 AM