



William Person

February 16, 1925 - February 16, 2007

KINGSFORD- William J. Person, 82, of 208 Lane Ave. Kingsford, died Friday, Feb. 16, 2007, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

William was born Jan. 20, 1925 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Oscar and Leona (Manley) Person. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1943 and was a lifelong resident of the area.

William was a U.S. Air Force veteran of WWII serving with the 791st squadron of the 467th bomber group and obtaining the rank of sergeant.

He was wounded over Lille, France, on Aug. 3, 1944, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Caterpillar Club because of an emergency parachute jump he made over England from the crippled B-24. William married Dorothy Eckelaert on June 7, 1947, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Iron Mountain. William worked at the Niagara Paper Mill for 39 years, retiring in 1987.

William and Dorothy lived on Lake Elwood in Florence, Wis., for many years until moving to Kingsford three years ago. They enjoyed traveling and spent 15 winters at Feather Rock mobile home park in Valrico, Fla.

William was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, a 50-year member of the Florence Masonic Lodge, and a life member of the Florence VFW and the Disabled American Veterans in Iron Mountain. He enjoyed spending time with his family and summers at Lake Elwood.

William is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy; three daughters, Catherine (Thomas) Bornfleth of Green Bay, Wis., Rhonda (Wesley) Peters of Knoxville, Tenn., and Jaye (Dr. Jeffrey) Carroll of Berlin, Wis.; two sons, Kurt (Ramona) Person of Spread Eagle and Ross (Katie) Person of Hobe Sound, Fla.; brother-in-law, Jack (Sandy) Eckelaert of Sun City, Fla.; sister-in-law, Dru (Norman) Meidl of Ft. Meyers, Fla.; 13 grandchildren, Chad (Brenda) Bornfleth, Jon (Elisha) Bornfleth, Amanda (Steve) Sheedy, Joshua (Rebecca) Thomas, Kelly and Nathan Thomas, Dana (Victor) Laws, Katie and Ryan Carroll, Brad, Kyle and Zachary Person, and Cody Person; three great grandsons, Micah and Caleb Bornfleth and Austin Laws; four step-grandchildren and eight step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Leona Person; a brother, Halvar; a sister-in-law, Grace Person and a son-in-law, Frank "Bo" Thomas.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home. The Florence Masonic Lodge will conduct memorial services at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. Fr. Charles Piper will officiate. Burial will be in Niagara Cemetery.

The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors. Pallbearers will be William's grandsons.

A memorial has been established at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of William Person online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com>.

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

The family wishes to thank all of the wonderful staff at the V.A. Hospital 6th floor for their kind and compassionate care.

Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Person & family, my deepest sympathy for your great loss. I have many fond memories of growing up next door to you. One of the best is of Mr. Person teaching me to ride a bike, Rhonda may remember that. You were always great neighbors. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Tanya (Rucinski) Payette*

Tanya Payette - February 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“*Peg and Larry Delp, friends of Kurt and Ramona, which to extend our sympathies to the family of William Person. Our prayers for the family at this time.
Larry and Peg Delp*

Larry and Peg Delp - February 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Dorothy and family, We send our sympathy to your family. It has been a long time since we have talked to each other. Life has changed for us all. I was able to find the obit on the computer. God be with all of you. I remember some times Bill called me for directions to cook because he was making something for meals. His life was well spent with meaning full activities. Our families were close at one time. We live in Howard now. We moved back because Jeff was going into business for himself and wanted us to help with the children. We were here 2 years and he passed away at the age of 34. One year ago we lost David from anesethic before lithotripsy and vomited in his lungs. Then we had to take away life support. We are celebrating 55 years of marriage this year. Bruce is in Missouri. He just had open heart surgery do to the radiation treatments he got at the age of 13. The heart was constricted by scar tissue. It was done this pst Christmas. OUR PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY. LOVE
ROSE MARIE AND DON FORREST

ROSE MARIE AND DON FORREST - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ To The Person Family
So sorry to hear about Bill we always found him to be pleasent and nice to be around. You can take pride in the fact that he was a good family man I consider family a much greater legacy then all the material things in the world.
Again our deepest sympathy.
Bob&Gloria McCauslin

Bob & Gloria - February 18, 2007 at 12:00 AM