



Billy C. Rivard

September 2, 2009

Billy C. Rivard, age 82 of Caspian, MI, died Wednesday, September 2, 2009 at the Northstar Health System, Iron River.

Born: November 17, 1926 in Gaastra, MI

The son of the late William and Mabel (Gallup) Rivard attended the Platka School in Gaastra. He joined the U.S. Navy and served in the Philippines during World War II. He then returned to the area and worked in the C.C. Camps. After that he worked in Detroit at Burrough Manufacturing, making office machines. He later returned to Caspian and worked in the local mines for M.A. Hanna Mining Company for 33 years until his retirement in 1981.

Billy married the former Beatrice Anderson on June 13, 1953 and the couple made their home in Caspian. They celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary this year.

He was a member of St Cecilia Catholic Church of Caspian, the Knights of Columbus and American Legion Reino Post #21.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice

One daughter, Arbutus "Bootsy" and Neil Tappa of Coleman, WI

Three sons; Mark (Terry) Rivard of Gaastra

William (Patty) Rivard of Caspian
Blaine (Carol) Rivard of Gaastra
13 grandchildren
17 great grandchildren
One brother, Earl Rivard
Two sisters; Patricia "Lucy" Lindstrom
Genevive Dickson
Numerous nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Bonnie LaRock; one great granddaughter, Hannah Jane Ziemer; three brothers, Charles, Donald and James Rivard; three sisters, Jane Gehloff, Ardell Geiger and Mary Louise Andler.

Visitation: Tuesday September 8, 2009 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.

Funeral Service: Tuesday September 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, Caspian, with Rev. Norman Clisch, pastor to offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers: Grandsons; Nathan Tappa, Jason and Joshua Rivard, Matthew Rivard, Brandon, Derrick Smith, David Olsen, Glen Ziemer and Daniel Marcell

Interment: Stambaugh Cemetery, Iron River

The West Side Veterans Council will accord Military Rites.

Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home, Iron River.