



Erick Palo

June 27, 1920 - June 27, 2011

Erick W. Palo, 91 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Monday, June 27, 2011, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

He was born on March 1, 1920, in Crystal Falls, son of the late John and Liisa (Pesola) Palo. He attended school in Crystal Falls, graduating from Crystal Falls High School in 1938. He then went on to work at the C.C.C Camp at James Lake. After his work at the C.C.C. Camps, he worked as a miner at the Davidson Mine in Iron River. Erick then enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, and trained as a Flight Engineer in B-29's during World War II.

Upon his honorary discharge from the service, he married Martha Laitinen on Oct. 25, 1948, with whom he shared nearly 63 years. He then went to work for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as a conservation officer in Marquette County from 1947-1950. After his three years with the DNR, Erick went to work for Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. in Negaunee and Minnesota from 1950-1974; which then led him to his last position as a federal mine inspector and special investigator for the U.S. Bureau of Mines and MSHA, and the U.S. Department of Labor from 1974 until his retirement in 1979.

Erick was a member of the United Lutheran Church. In his spare time, he loved woodworking and fishing.

Erick is survived by his loving wife, Martha Palo of Crystal Falls; a son, Alan (Pat) Palo of Rushville, Ill.; three grandsons; one great-grandchild; two nephews and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and four brothers.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the United Lutheran Church.

The funeral service will follow Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls.

The Eastside Veterans Council will accord full military honor graveside services.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Erick W. Palo may be made online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
509 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Alan and Family,
I am sorry for your loss. In reading your fathers obituary it is obvious he lived quite a life. I bet he had a lot of stories to share. My thoughts are with you, your mom, and family.*

scott edwards - July 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Alan and Pat and family-
So very sorry to hear about your father's passing. Although I didn't know your Dad, I've heard many wonderful things about him from Jeremy and Kim. May your memories of him help you during these grief filled days.
God Bless you,
Donna Hilborn (Kim's Mom)*

Donna Hilborn - Negaunee, MI - Mother of Kim Palo - July 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I loved hearing the stories about Erick's Lind road and Kuivila Road families. It was fun to listen to stories about the piece of land that I live on and how as a young boy he would come down here to go to the river. Erick was a great man and will truly be missed. I am lucky to have met Erick.
God Bless you and be at peace at last Erick.*

kathy cowell-bigelow - Crystal Falls, MI - friend - June 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM