



Orlando Echola

June 23, 1928 - June 23, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Orlando R. Echola, 81, of 605 Bortolini Road, Crystal Falls, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at St. Joseph Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.

He was born June 22, 1928, in Crystal Falls, son of the late Arnold and Mary Louise (Latterman) Echola. Orlando was a U.S. Navy veteran and obtained his pilot's license while in the service.

He married Glenda Beck in 1976 in Crystal Falls. Orlando worked for several mining companies before taking a position as a heavy equipment mechanic at Groveland Mine where he was employed for over 30 years. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2891, and an active member of the American Legion Post 87 and the senior citizens center.

Orlando loved flying and owned a J-3 Piper Cub airplane. He was the assistant manager of the Iron County Airport in Crystal Falls for many years. Orlando enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cribbage and socializing with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Glenda; a son, Donald (Suzanna) Echola of Crystal Falls; a daughter, Jean (Joel) Rhyner of Wausau, Wis.; a brother, Lyman Echola of Marshfield, Wis.; a sister, Lois Spankowski of Hartland, Wis.; three grandchildren, Betsy and Debi Rhyner and Roger Carne; and several nieces

and nephews.

Orlando was preceded in death by a son, David A. Echola in 1959 and two brothers, Arnold and Roderick Echola.

The visitation will be held on Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

A memorial service will follow at 12 noon at the funeral home. Jack Koivisto will conduct the services.

The Eastside Veterans Council will do a pass and review and accord military honors following the service.

Honorary pallbearers will be John Plowe, Don Diller, Bernie Kosiba, Alton Beck, Chris Sholander and Richard Reinke.

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

Condolences to the family of Orlando Echola may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ We are sorry to be sending our sympathies so late but we were not living in the area last summer and recently learned of Landy's passing. My dad Rudy Enstrom always enjoyed talking "flying" with Landy. Joe and I appreciated all the work he did on our vehicles through the years and we always enjoyed visiting with him, too. He was always a joy to talk with.

Joe and Kay (Enstrom) Arcand - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ In memory of Landy,

These condolences are kind of "late" so wonder if you will even see this. I tried to call Glenda several times. I was neighbors to Glenda up at the old "Western Location". Landy's family were friends with my family years ago. My Dad, Hugo Riverside and Landy's father used to get together at our kitchen table and laugh, kid around and joke. I was a very young child at the time, but I remember that they must have been very good friends.

Landy also touched my son, Michael's life as Michael used to land his single-engine Cessna at the Iron County Airport and met Landy there.

Sad to see so many of our friends passing away, going on to a "better Place".....!

Mary Jane

Mary Jane Soderberg (Riverside, Schultz, Olson) - August 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Our sincere sympathy to Glenda and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Dan and Sue Passamani - June 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Don, Jean, Glenda and Family

We are thinking about you during this difficult time, Landy was truly a great person. Don, Jean I was thinking about all the times I spent at your home and always enjoyed talking with and being around your Dad. Don I?m sure over the years you must have told him about all the shenanigans we got into. Well maybe except for one?.I was also very appreciative of the times he helped and allowed me the use of his shop. Take Care.

Robert, Dawn and Eric

Robert Mattson - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ It is with profound condolences we send to Landy's friends and family.Landy was a great friend,veteran,member of the community.We will greatly miss his friendship, help, advice,knowledge he shared with us and all. He has been called to rest and we shall always remember his time with us.

Anita "Rebbie" Graham

Jean C. Eckerberg

Camp Christine

Graham/Eckerberg - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. My uncle Landy was always kind and attentive to me as a child and later as an adult he was interested in what was going on in my life. He was the first to let me drive a car; of course I was about 5 or 6 years old, sitting on his lap, in an old Model T or A and he did the brake while I steered. That is one of my memories I will always have of my dear uncle Landy.

Sincerely,

Arlene Echola McComas

Arlene McComas - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM