



## Robert Olson

March 20, 1924 - March 20, 2009

CRYSTAL FALLS - Robert J. Olson, 85, of Idlewild Road in Crystal Falls, died on Friday, March 20, 2009, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wis.

He was born on Aug. 25, 1923, in Escanaba, the son of the late Herbert and Margaret (McCarthy) Olson. Bob lived in Crystal Falls since 1926. He served in World War II as a radio and mine detector repairman and saw action in North Africa, Naples, Rome and Southern France. Following the war, he took classes at Ferris Tech in Big Rapids, Mich.

Bob married Faye Kullar on Dec. 1, 1947, in Crystal Falls. They lived in the Fortune Lake area since 1951.

Prior to enlisting in the army, Bob worked in Chicago four years as a printer's apprentice. For several years after World War II, he was a livestock dealer. He then started a furnace maintenance business. For nearly 20 years, he worked as a union carpenter and millwright, retiring in 1985.

Bob was a member of the Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls. For a number of years, he also attended Faith Baptist Church with his wife and children. Both Fr. Gondek and Rev. Clyde Surface were special friends to Bob. For more than 50 years, Robert was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tufts Rondon Post 2891. He participated in hundreds of

veterans' funerals.

Many friends in the area will miss the abundance of produce which Bob generously shared. His specialty was tomato plants, which he raised in his greenhouse. For years, he was a beekeeper. He logged at least 1,000 miles each year in hiking the back roads, wooded trails and railroad tracks. He was also a devout bird watcher, hunter and fisherman. His family will miss the annual canoe and tubing trips on the Paint from the bridge to Mud Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Faye; a son, Raymond (Darlene) Olson of Stevens Point, Wis.; daughters, Iris (David) Kamin of Marinette, Wis. and Becky (Bill) Ford of Queen City, Mo.; grandchildren, Bethany (Jeff) Donaldson of Elgin, Ill.; Janelle (Brandon) Theobald of Canton, Ill.; Amy (Jason) Sobolik of LaCrosse, Wis.; Kaaren (Benjamin) Tyvoll of Shoreview, Minn.; Jeremy Olson of Deerfield, Ill.; John, James and Julie Olson of Stevens Point, Wis.; Aaron Kamin of Menominee, Marisa (Jamie) Wozniak of Menominee; Chris (Amber) Kamin of Menominee; and Ryan, Cody and Lesa Ford of Queen City, Mo.; 21 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Davis of Milwaukee, Wis.; and many nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Raymond, Herbert, Norman and Charles.

Visitation will be Tuesday at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; immediately followed by a brief service at the funeral home, to be led by Rev, Robert Mueller, chaplain at the Iron Mountain Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Military honors will be accorded at the Guardian Angels Catholic Church at 11:30 a.m. followed by The Mass of Christian Burial, with Fr. Dan Zaloga presiding.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Jeremy, John, James, Aaron, Chris and Ryan.

The Nash Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Olson Family,

*I was so saddened to hear of Bobby's passing. He was a great man! The next time I visited Crystal Falls he was on the top of my list to visit. I loved when he would come and visit us at home or at the camp, such a calming influence, plus he always gave us double mint gum! My mother has a great photo of me and my twin brother Charlie sitting on Bobby's lap when we were about 3 or 4 years old. The last time I saw Bobby was at my fathers funeral (Mickey) and I was so grateful to see him and give him a big hug.*

*He will be greatly missed.*

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**Carrie (Olson) Duke** - March 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Bobby was such a nice person. He will be greatly missed. I loved to sit and talk to him. He told the best stories. And I'm sure most of them were true. He was so full of information on Crystal Falls and the people in it. He always told he was the town "historian". He will be missed by all the knew him.

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**Michelle Smokevitch-Graves** - March 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM