



Edward "Billy" Wenzel

August 14, 1915 - March 10, 2009

EDWARD WENZEL VULCAN- Edward "Billy" Wenzel age 93 of Vulcan, died Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers, MI. Billy was born in Vulcan on August 14, 1915 the son of the late Bruno and Agnes (Barker) Wenzel. He graduated from Vulcan High School in 1933, after graduation he worked on nearly every farm on the State Road 577 until April 1, 1937 when he started at the Norway Township Cemetery. Billy served his country as a 1st Sergeant in the U.S. Army 235 Combat Engineers during WWII, where he was awarded a Silver Star for action at Casino, Italy. Billy also received four bronze battle stars for his service. He married Josephine Opolka on January 18, 1947 at St. Mary's Church in Norway. He played on many local baseball teams, like the woods, worked a driving team. He enjoyed hunting deer and rabbits, but above all his favorite was trout fishing. Billy was the sexton at the Norway Township Cemetery for over 60 years from 1937 to 1997. He was a life member of Norvulet Post #4581, V.F.W. Billy is survived by his wife of 62 years Josephine; son Edward R. Wenzel of Vulcan; sister Millicent Hicks of Iron Mountain; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers Roy, William and Lee Wenzel. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 13 from 9-11 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, at 11 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home with Fr. James Roetzer, presiding. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was born in iron river mi in 1932 and grew up in posers. I left the area about 1950 but came back many times and purchased the 40 acres on 577 just south of menominee/dickison county line some 40 years ago. I spent many happy hours talking to billy at pinecrest over the past few years and was fascinated by his memory of the area from norway to faithorn and beond. I recorded some hours of our sessions so that I could digest all his memories and tales of the past many years and have them somewhere on my computer if anyone would like a copy of them. He was one of a kink and I will always treasure our sessions discussing the magic of he and many others made the up of michigan. cbwalli@voyager.net
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bernard walli - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Auntie Josie & Eddie\
Please know my heart and prayers are with you today. If I could be there, I certainly would. Hope to see you soon. Love, Annette

Annette (Bollone) Andersen - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM