



John Gattra

September 2, 1916 - March 30, 2005

JOHN GATTRA VULCAN- John Gattra age 88 of Vulcan, died on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital, Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on September 2, 1916 in Norway, the son of the late John and Mary (Pizsetta) Gattra. John married Louella Raiche on January 26, 1946 in Norway. He worked for GAF in Pembine, WI. For over 30 years, retiring in 1978. In his earlier working days he worked at the Mines before they closed and for the CCC's. John helped build the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandson. John loved camp life, hunting, and fishing and took great pride in his garden. John is survived by his wife Louella; daughter Susan Stanek of Norway; grandson Ryne Stanek; brothers Raymond Gattra of Norway and Edward Gattra of San Diego, CA; sister Marie DeGroot of Norway; Brothers-in-law Ray (Martha) Raiche of Iron Mountain, Larry (Sue) Raiche of Vulcan, Roger (Connie) Secrist of Channing and Ted (Shirley) Stachowicz of Vulcan; sister-in-law Roberta Raiche of Hermansville; lots of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Jack Gattra in 1986, brothers Arthur and Arnold Gattra. Visitation will be held on Monday, April 4 from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church with Fr. Mark McQuesten officiating. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery. Arrangements were made with the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.