



Ronald "Joe" Vachon

June 30, 1937 - June 1, 2007

RONALD "JOE" VACHON NORWAY- Ronald "Joe" Vachon age 69 of Norway died Friday, June 1, 2007 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital, Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on July 31, 1937 in Iron Mountain, Michigan the son of the late Jeffery and Rhea (Gauthier) Vachon. Joe's family moved to Milwaukee in 1956 and he graduated from High School there. He started his working career there with the Milwaukee Road Railroad and continued with the railroad in Minnesota until his retirement from the Canadian Pacific after 42 years with the railroad. Joe was a kind and loving man with strong faith, which he practiced through active participation in the Roman Catholic Eucharistic ministry in each community that he lived in. Quiet and unassuming with a strength that lent support to friends and family; he was a pillar of strength for his loved ones and a real man of his word. Joe never sought glory or recognition but his kindness and efforts touched the lives of many. He will be greatly missed by us all. Joe is survived by his wife Charlotte; his twin brother Donald (Myra) Vachon of Waukesha, WI, brother Phillip (Barbara) Vachon of Fort Wayne, IN; sisters Rita Frehse of Detroit and Evon (Jerry) Boehnlien of West Bend, WI; brother-in-law Kenneth (Darleen) Hallgren of Medford, WI; sisters-in-law Constance Hallgren of Norway and Mary (Raymond) Larson of Sheboygan, WI. In addition he is survived by nieces, nephews, cousins and four very special "little urchins" Cole David, Christian Anton, Erica and Joey. He also leaves behind his lifelong friend and cohort Bill Asselin. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman

Funeral Home in Norway. Prayers will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church with Fr. Mark McQuesten, presiding. Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery. The family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions maybe made to St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund in Norway, MI. in Joe's name.