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## Ralph R. Carlson

**Visitation:**

Tuesday, May 5, 2009  
5:00 PM until 8:00 PM  
Koskey Funeral Home, Inc.  
106 West Main Street  
Negaunee, MI 49866

**Service:**

Wednesday, May 6, 2009  
11:00 AM  
Mitchell United Methodist Church  
Negaunee, MI

Ralph R. Carlson

Negaunee dateline

Ralph Reuben Carlson, age 77, of 221 Croix St., Negaunee, a loving husband, father and grandfather, died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Ralph was born Oct. 14, 1931 in Negaunee to Reuben E. & Lois M. (Wills) Carlson, was a graduate of Negaunee High School, Class of 1950, and was a lifelong resident. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during the Korean War from 1951-1955. Following his service to his country he worked for Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company for a short time before joining the Negaunee Police Department in 1956. He became the Chief of Police in 1963, a position he held until he resigned in 1973 when he became a security officer for Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company. He retired in Nov. of 1992. He was a volunteer for the Negaunee Fire Department from 1969-1979. Ralph also served on the Board of Directors of the Superior Iron Range Credit Union for over 40 years.

Mr. Carlson was a member of Mitchell United Methodist Church, Negaunee, and sang in the church choir. He also helped the Men's Club make potato sausage. He was also a member of the Negaunee Male Chorus, the V.A.

Romo Post #3165 V.F.W., Negaunee, the Teal Lake Masonic Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, the Scottish Rite, and was an Honorary Member of the Negaunee Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing, being at his hunting camp and was an avid deer hunter.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Jean C. (Johns) Carlson, 1 son, Steven R.

(Laura) Carlson of Valparaiso, IN, 1 daughter, Terri J. (Joseph) Oleksy of Negaunee, 2 grandchildren: Bradley Carlson & Ashley Oleksy, a nephew, Michael (Charlene) Roti, a niece, Lois (John) Gorto, 2 great nephews, Jeremy & Bryan Roti. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Lois Jean Roti.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Mitchell United Methodist Church, Negaunee with Rev. Eric D. Kieb officiating. Burial will be in the Negaunee Cemetery. Pallbearers will be: Jerry Nease, Peter Suardini, Robert Jacka, Nick Taseris, Leino Pynnonen, & Wayne Johns. The family will greet relatives and friends from 5-8 PM on Tuesday at the Koskey Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.koskeyfuneralhome.com](http://www.koskeyfuneralhome.com)