

JOSEPH MASINI

Born in 1912 in Franklin Mine, Michigan

Son of Alfred and Assunta Masini

Attended local schools, Pewabic and St. Patrick Schools

Joseph's father died in 1927, and at the age of 15, Joe went to work for the Houghton County Road Commission. He worked there for 26 years in all capacities. For 24 years, he served as Houghton County Road Commissioner.

During the 50 years of service to the public, Joseph was named Chairman of the Houghton County Board, holding that office for 12 years. He was also appointed President of the Michigan Road Builders Association. He is a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge, a member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd and 4th degree for 44 years, a member of the Eagles for 55 years, and a member of the Calumet and Hancock Elks for 30 years.

In 1948, Joseph and his wife, Louise, opened a Supper Club known as the Rendezvous. They operated the restaurant for 25 years.

He retired from public service in 1970. Since that time, he has organized and established the St. Vincent de Paul Society and store for the Church of the Resurrection in Hancock.

Joseph and Louise have been married for 53 years. They have one son and two daughters, and ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Joseph's mother, Assunta, still lives in the home that she first lived in when she came from Italy 75 years ago. She is now 91 years old.

*There is ~~a~~ tape of an interview with Assunta Masini in  
Accession #139 (OH-85/138) Russell W. Magnaghi  
was the interviewer.*