



## Dr. Craig "Duck" Lindeman

November 26, 1949 - November 7, 2017

Dr. Craig "Duck" Lindeman, O.D. 67, of Lansing, formerly of Channing passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.

Born November 26, 1949, to Leonard "Tony" and Patricia (Riley) Lindeman in Crystal Falls, Michigan. He was an excellent baseball player and earned a scholarship to play for Eastern Michigan University. Then he attended Northern Michigan University and later attended the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago where he received his Doctor of Optometry Degree. He took great pride in his own optometry practice, Vision 20/20, in Lansing before he retired in 2011. Craig loved all outdoor activities, especially hunting, fishing, and pontoon rides. He was an avid sports fan who followed the Detroit Tigers, Green Bay Packers and all MSU teams. Craig had an outgoing personality and could make friends with anyone he met. He cherished his family and friends. Craig will be dearly missed by all who remember him.

Preceding him in death were his parents, a sister, Cynthia Lindeman, an aunt Charlotte Bloom, and uncles Warren "Potchy" Lindeman, George Riley and John Riley.

Surviving are his children, Brent (Jennifer) Lindeman, Jeff (Michelle) Lindeman, and Liza Lindeman; former wife and mother of their children, Joni Lindeman; grandchild, Broderick "Brody" Lindeman; brothers, Todd (Lynne) Lindeman, Dean Lindeman, Brian (Barb) Lindeman; sister, Michelle (Mike) Ferguson; nieces and nephews, Chad (Andrea) Lindeman, Linsey (Jon) Sitka, Jared (Sara) Ferguson, Alex (Jessie) Lindeman, Brandon (Kara) Lindeman, Blake Lindeman, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Skinner Funeral Home, Lansing Chapel. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home.

There will also be a visitation from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Monday, November 13 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 7:00pm at the funeral home. Fr. Raymond Valerio will officiate.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the local arrangements.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**                      04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain, MI, US, 49801

**NOV**   **Funeral Service**    07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of Craig's passing. Many memories came back of my personal battles with Craig and brother Todd on the diamond. They were awesome competitors on the field but more importantly good friends off. I never told Craig this, but he scared the shit out of me when he stepped to the plate. He sent more than one of my pitches over the fence and now he has taken that home run trot to "heaven". May God bless you and your wonderful family !

David Bray

**david bray** - November 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM

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“ Todd, Dean, Brian and Shelley, I just learned of Craig's passing and want to extend my heartfelt condolences and sympathies. Craig was such a large and unforgettable person. As Rod said so well in his tribute below, "it was a pleasure and honor growing up with you!" I have many fond memories of baseball games behind the Sagola Clubhouse and the Channing School. He was so much fun to be around and what an amazing baseball player! The guy could hit a baseball a mile! Even in Little League! It's very sad to learn of his passing. I wish I could have been there to express my condolences in person. I miss all of you. I hope you are doing well. All the best!

**Paul Tobin** - November 13, 2017 at 07:40 PM

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“ Duck you'll be missed so much by all of us. It was a pleasure and honor growing up with you. Thanks for protecting us in our earlier years. Goodbye cousin and wonderful friend!

**Rod Bloom** - November 13, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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“ When I listened to David telling Jason some stories about Craig (at least the ones that were appropriate for a 13-year-old boy), and showing him yellowed and faded newspaper articles from his scrapbook, I was reminded what a great mentor Craig was to David. Losing his Dad at such a young age, those Lindeman boys and brother Rod stepped up and enveloped that young boy and guided him down the right path.....basketball and baseball were extended stops along the way. I have really fond memories of watching Craig's greatness on the baseball field; and the post game drinking and antics. Craig knew how to throw a party and provide the entertainment. He was truly a GREAT man, a great father and brother.....taken from his family way too soon. My heartfelt condolences to the entire Lindeman family; a

family I am so proud to be a part of.  
Hugs and prayers,  
Jean Bloom  
(David and Jason too) :-)

**Jean Bloom** - November 12, 2017 at 05:08 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Craig "Duck" Lindeman.



November 12, 2017 at 04:42 PM

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“ I can't express my many memories enough way back when we were playing baseball and enjoying all the good times and friendships that were formed. Just know that no matter what we were doing my feelings for Craig and all the family were always real and i would never have done any of it differently as it was a great time. He will be sadly missed by all but touched so many in such a positive way. May God Bless all of you.

Brian Adams

**Brian Adams** - November 12, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ Thanks for the kind words Brian. He will truly be missed by all of us.

**Todd lindeman** - November 13, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ I am so sorry to read this. I stumbled across it while looking for something else thus the length of time passed. I lived a short time in Channing in fact graduated from there always liked to watch Todd and Craig and the guys playing baseball and or basketball. May he rest in heavenly peace and his family be blessed.

**Diane Evers Evans** - June 03, 2018 at 06:01 PM

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“ Wow, what a shock! I was so shocked and sad to hear Craig passed. Although I haven't seen him in a thousand years, he looks exactly the same as when I met you Railroad guys in Babe Ruth baseball. I think I tagged the big link out on the hidden ball trick.

Dan said it so well when he called Craig a "Legend". I could tell a thousand stories but Todd, Jeff and Rod know them all. I'm sitting here smiling with tears in my eyes just thinking about the great times and antics we pulled.

My sympathies to the entire Lindeman clan. May God have mercy on him. My thoughts and prayers are with Craig and your entire family.

Bob "Weasel" Leroux

**Bob Leroux** - November 11, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ Thanks Weasel we sure had some great times together.

**Todd lindeman** - November 12, 2017 at 10:28 AM

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“ My condolences to the whole Lindeman family. I remember my time playing with Channing in the Labor Day tournament, the first time I met Craig. I was 16 at the time. He was so nice, funny, and welcoming to me. I will never forget that weekend, it was very special. Truly great man. Mark Zeratsky

**Mark Zeratsky** - November 10, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Thanks Mark much appreciated.

**todd lindeman** - November 10, 2017 at 08:43 PM

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“ So sorry to hear that Craig passed away. I have fond memories of Craig, when I was growing up in Channing. He was always fun to be around. Sending my deepest sympathy.

Cathy Swanson

**Cathy Swanson** - November 10, 2017 at 02:32 PM



“ Thank you Cathy they are certainly appreciated.

**todd lindeman** - November 10, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear about the passing of a Legend. After moving from the Midwest out East, we lost touch, but his brother in law, Mike Ferguson, kept me informed on a regular basis. And when I spoke to Mike this week, he told me of the Craig's passing. Very sad and we shared some tears.

I have so many great memories of Craig. From his towering Home Runs at every ballpark he ever played on, to winning every arm wrestling match that came his way, to the epic battles with Todd and Rod (his brother and cousin and best friends in the world)...some at my parents house, some at The Gym, and some right on the baseball field literally in front of hundreds of fans. The stories.....oh my.....the stories.....too many to tell but too great to forget....But every story ended with a smile on our faces. Craig put a smile on virtually every face he saw.

Growing up in Channing was like no other place on earth...We were entertained every day by "Duck." He was a special guy.

Craig was loved by all. My mom and dad treated Craig like a son and loved him like a son. He had that way about him. I know how proud everyone was when Craig became Dr. Lindeman. I know that Pat and Tony were incredibly proud...as was everyone he knew. But Millie and Brownie felt the same way.

My family will keep Craig's family in our prayers.

I really wish I could be at the services. My link to Todd, Dean, Brian and Michelle is one that was so special to me growing up, along with Craig, and losing their brother is, I am sure, very painful. That family bond will continue to strengthen even in this difficult time.

I wrote earlier that I am so sorry about the passing of a "Legend." Yes, a Legend. Craig was just that. I don't think there is anyone that could argue that point. And if he were sitting right here beside me, he would very likely agree....And that is what was so special about the man. What you saw was what you got. I haven't met anyone like him, and probably never will. A one of a kind. And yes.....A Legend.

All my best to everyone.

Dan Olson  
New Milford, CT

Dan Olson - November 09, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ Thanks Ole that tribute was above and beyond the call of duty. We were like family,I wouldn't trade it for anything.

**todd lindeman** - November 10, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ U nailed that on the head axle O!!

**pat ferguson** - November 12, 2017 at 05:59 AM



“ That was such a great and honest tribute to a truly great person and yes, legend. Craig will truly be missed by everyone that knew him. Thanks for the memories Ole!

**Rod Bloom** - November 13, 2017 at 12:29 PM