



Allen B. Mendini

September 22, 1941 - July 20, 2021

Allen B. Mendini, 79, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at Evergreen Assisted Living Memory Care after a lengthy battle with dementia.

Allen was born on September 22, 1941 in Iron Mountain, MI, the son of Luella (Lindholm) Mendini and the late Camillo Mendini. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1959 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He proudly served in the U.S. Army for two years and continued his service in the Michigan National Guard for over 22 years. Allen married Penny Clark on October 25, 1969 at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Following his graduation from Iron Mountain High School in 1959, Al attended Augustana College and Northern Michigan University briefly before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in VietNam from 1965-1966 as an Infantry Indirect Fire Crewman with Company A, 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry. Upon returning to the area, he worked for R.G. Joiner Construction Company for over 40 years as a laborer then a carpenter. He was well known for his craftsmanship and attention to detail. Al later also worked for the CR Meyer Company on many area projects. Al joined the Michigan Army National Guard in 1972 as a Combat Engineer in Company D(-)107 Engineers. He retired from the Guard in 1994 with the rank of Sergeant First Class.

Al was involved in many area organizations over the years. First and foremost would be his devotion to his faith and his church, First Lutheran Church. He was actively involved in church life for many years through the church council, building and grounds, funerals, teaching Sunday School, wild game feeds, and Wednesday morning breakfasts and Bible study with the guys. Al was also a member of Elks Lodge #700 in Iron Mountain and was selected Elk of the Year for his work with handicapped/disabled children and held the office of Exalted Ruler. His love for the outdoors led him to be involved in the Ruffed Grouse Society. He was especially proud of his involvement with the Lilja Committee in Iron Mountain and the many city beautification projects they funded and worked on. Al was a Gold Card Member of Laborers Union Local 1329, as well as the Michigan Carpenters Union. Al loved spending time at deer camp with his father, brothers, son, and grandson. He was an extraordinary cook and loved to keep the traditions alive. His second home, the cottage he built on Armstrong Lake, was his masterpiece and refuge. Al also loved to spend time watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

Allen is survived by his wife, Penny; mother, Luella; son, Andrew (Amy) Mendini; daughter, Maria (Mark) Mendini-Fuller; his siblings, Bruce (Jackie) Mendini, Diane (Dave) Lindberg, Ted (Sandy) Mendini, Christine (Mike) Hamlin, Martha (Jerry) Trepanier, Mark Mendini, Kelly (Sandi) Mendini and Bernie (Sam) Thacker; grandchildren, Alyssa and Evan Mendini and Cecelia Fuller; sister-in-law, Melanie Mendini; as well as many nieces, nephews and close friends.

In addition to his father, Allen was preceded in death by one brother, Daniel.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 from 10 AM - 12 PM at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain with a memorial service to follow at noon. Pastor Bryan Laurila will officiate. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military honors

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Family Ties Adult Day Care Center.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Allen B. Mendini online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com>

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DS

“ I came across a picture (see photos) of our 5th grade class (circa 1951) at Amidon grade school and it reminded me that this was about the time that Al and I got to know each other. (As a reference, Al was in the second row with the striped shirt.) In those days, the catholic kids had religious ed outside of school and tended to hang out together. There was no animosity but we didn't socialize much with the non-Catholic kids.

By the time we reached our junior and senior years in high school, those 'barriers' went away and we got to be good friends. In fact, when I got married in 1963, Al agreed to be one of my groomsmen. Over the years, our lives took different paths but when we got together for class reunions, we were always like two young adults enjoying commiserating with each other.

Knowing Al as I did, I'm sure he is in a better place now – even though I, and many others, will miss him!

Rest in peace, Allen Mendini!



Dick Spigarelli - July 28, 2021 at 01:45 PM

CC

“ Our hearts are with Penny and Allen's kids and grandchildren, along with our dear Auntie Luella, and all of my Mendini cousins. We have great memories of being with Allen at the Mendini family camp and at Lindholm family reunions. Sid and I send our love and prayers to all.

Cynthia Lindholm Cavanaugh - July 27, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Allen B. Mendini.*



July 26, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Allen B. Mendini.*



July 24, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Penny and family on your loss. Allen was an exceptional person and a great soldier. Major Kerry Denoo retired.*

Kerry Denoo - July 24, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *We're so sorry for your loss and our prayers go out to the family. I was in guard's with Al and had utmost respect for him and considered him a good friend. May he Rest In Peace. Craig and Mary Johnson*

Mary Johnson - July 24, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CG

“ Chuck and Kellie Genschaw purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Allen B. Mendini.



Chuck and Kellie Genschaw - July 24, 2021 at 08:01 AM

NB

“ Penny and family, I am so sorry for your loss! My deepest sympathies and my thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this hard time.

Nikki Bardon - July 24, 2021 at 12:31 AM

LA

“ Penny, Andrew & Maria,
I am so sorry for your loss.
My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family during this hard time.
Laurie (Michaud) Herrera



Laurie - July 23, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ I have great memories from church, sorry for your loss

Michelle (Hagberg) Stebic - July 23, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Allen B. Mendini.*



July 23, 2021 at 07:43 AM



“ *Dear Penny & family, My sincere condolences on Allen's passing. I hope to see you in the fall when the US border opens for Canadian visitors to deliver my condolences personally. My thoughts are with you at this time. Sincerely, Julie Ann*

Julie Ann Kniskern - July 23, 2021 at 04:44 AM



“ *Julie Ann Kniskern purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Allen B. Mendini.*



Julie Ann Kniskern - July 23, 2021 at 04:25 AM



“ *What a gift you've been to me Allen. Rest easy now. My love and Gods blessings to my Mendini family. Rosie*



Rosemary Ross - July 23, 2021 at 12:49 AM