



Alphonse Cerasoli

April 26, 1934 - April 26, 2011

Alphonse Duane Cerasoli, 77, of Breitung Township, died Tues. April 26, 2011 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on July 18, 1933 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Faust and Bernice (Zoromski) Cerasoli.

Duane graduated Iron Mountain High School in 1951, where he played football, baseball, and tennis. As a teenager he was active in the Kiwanis Ski Club.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War. He was a radioman on the Destroyer, U.S.S. Twining. After he left the service he married Marianne Cerasoli.

He graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in education in Business and economics in 1961. He earned his Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology in 1963 from the University of Illinois and his Doctoral degree in higher education, community college education and administration from Nova Southeastern University in 1988.

Duane became a Licensed Practical Counselor in Illinois and Michigan. He worked as a business teacher, counselor, and director of counseling for the Community High School District 218 in Blue Island, IL. He later was a professor of Counseling and Psychology at the College of DuPage in Glen

Ellyn, IL for twenty-seven years. In 1993-1994 he was honored as Outstanding Faculty member by his peers.

He belonged to the Illinois Counseling Association, the Michigan Counseling Association, and the American Counseling Association.

Alphonse married Donna Piersma in Sugar Grove, IL in 1988. The couple moved to Crystal Falls in 1995, after he retired in 1994. In 2006, they moved back to Alphonse's hometown of Iron Mountain.

After many years of heart disease, Alphonse received a heart transplant in May of 2000 at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee. He was a member of the Iron Mountain transplant support group and he also worked with the Gift of Life in Ann Arbor, MI.

He enjoyed doing research on his computer, fishing, reading, and playing with his Golden Retrievers. He also attended American Martyrs Catholic Church.

Alphonse is survived by his wife Donna of Breitung Township, three sons Christopher (Jill) Cerasoli of Elmhurst, IL, Mark Cerasoli of Crestwood, IL, and Michael Cerasoli of Kansas City, KS, and two granddaughters Kimberly Dale Cerasoli of New Lenox, IL and Jade Marie Cerasoli of Elmhurst, IL.

Visitation will be Sun. from 2-4pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 Mon. at American Martyrs Catholic Church. Father Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the American Heart Association 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674 or the Gift of Life in Ann Arbor, MI 3861 Research Park Drive Ann Arbor, MI

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Condolences to the family of Alphonse Duane Cerasoli may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

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“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO DUANE'S FAMILY, AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

"CERSY" , AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS, WAS AN OLD PAL OF MINE EVER SINCE THE LATE 40'S , AND EARLY 50'S. WE PLAYED FOOTBALL TOGETHER ON IM'S FRESHMAN, JR. VARSITY, AND VARSITY TEAMS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THAT "OLE GANG OF MINE", AND A DEAR FRIEND. WE LOST TRACK OF HIM OVER THE YEARS AS WE GREW OLDER, BUT I FONDLY REMEMBER CHUMMING AROUND WITH HIM DURING OUR YOUTH. THE HEADQUARTERS OF THAT "OLE GANG OF MINE" WAS EVIE COROMBUS'S EAST SIDE BILLIARDS ON EAST "A" STREET, JUST EAST OF THE A & P SUPERMARKET. WE SPENT NUMEROUS HOURS AT OUR DEN OF INEQUITY PLAYING POOL, 5 CENT RAP POKER, AS WELL AS SOLVING MOST OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS.

DUANE WAS A GREAT EDUCATOR, AND A GREAT FRIEND, HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS LOVELY FAMILY, AND ALL OF HIS 'OLE' PALS. MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIS SOUL, AND MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

FROM YOU OLD PAL HAM, OR 'EARS', AS YOU USED TO CALL ME.

JACK HAMM - ANN ARBOR, MI - AN OLD PAL - May 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Donna & family members---Al was a truly fun guy...always quick with the wit & a joke. His intelligence always amazed us in conversation. We will truly miss him...& his smiling face. Love this photo of him. Blessings to you all.

christine spigarelli and bob armstrong - friends - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We send our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Duane. Jim and I both knew him quite well and shared lots of memories at the Class of "51" luncheons the past few years with our other classmates....

Cersy and I (Lisa) were good friends as we both lived on the West side

when we were in The Lincoln Grade school and attended the same church..St. Mary and St. Josephs. We usually sat close together in class as our last names started with C and D...We bonded in the 5th grade after my family moved from the N. side of Iron Mountain, to the West side...We both came from Italian heritage and became very attached to each other's families....

Duane and his families will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Unfortunately, we are in Florida and unable to be present at the services.

Our love for all will be with you during this sad time....

Lisa & Jim Farrington - Iron Mountain Mi, MI - Classmate and friends - April 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM