



Charles Pietrantonio

October 9, 1941 - December 24, 2019

Charles “Chuck” Pietrantonio, 78, of Kingsford passed away on Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 in his home in Norway, Michigan.

Chuck was born on October 9th, 1941, in Kingsford, Michigan. He was the son of Mario and Vivian (Fraker) Pietrantonio. Chuck graduated from Kingsford High school in 1959 and was a lifelong resident of the area.

Chuck is survived by his son, Kipp Pietrantonio, his son’s fiancé Maria Patiño (Dallas, Texas), his daughter, Katey Pietrantonio (Green Bay, Wisconsin), his granddaughter, Breonna Phillips (Green Bay, Wisconsin), and his brother Ronnee Pietrantonio.

Chuck developed many skills across the seasons of his life. For many years he managed the Red Owl Grocery Stores where he was often complimented for having the best-looking store displays in the district. In addition, Chuck managed the Tastee Freeze, which stood as an institution in the community and provided many fond memories for Iron Mountain residents over the years. Following the closure of Red Owl nationwide, Chuck returned to school and started his own business; KC Decorating. Of note, Chuck wallpapered and painted the inside of the Dickinson County Library, contributing to the warm and inspiring atmosphere. Many family members accredited Chuck for providing them their first job as part of his business, including both his son and

daughter who often accompanied him to painting jobs in their adolescents. As Chuck loved spending time with children, in his later years became a school bus driver. One of his great joys was the many daily traditions he developed with the children of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, and Norway School Districts as they got on and off the bus each day.

True to his Italian heritage, Chuck was deeply sentimental and was never afraid to show his passion and love for others. Everywhere Chuck went he brought a positive attitude. Whether interacting with a grocery store clerk, a waiter, or kids on the school bus, Chuck was never satisfied until the people around him left with a smile on their face. Chuck spent many hours visiting with others as he greatly valued community and developing personal connections. This was no doubt a trait he picked up from growing up in his father Mario Pietrantonio's pool hall on East B Street in Iron Mountain.

In addition to his interpersonal connections with others, he was passionate about bringing people together for sporting events and was involved in organizing softball leagues, provided service as a Gus Buster/Mega Buster at the Gus Macker Tournament, and refereeing volleyball at the Iron Mountain Armory for many years. Chuck was a passionate fan of the Green Bay Packers, the New York Yankees, and the Milwaukee Braves. Chuck attended the 1957 World Series in Milwaukee between the Yankees and Braves and had the pennants of each team proudly displayed on his walls until the end of his life.

Chuck was a warm, caring, and jovial person who will be deeply missed by his friends and family. The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements. The family would like to thank Erickson-Rochon & Nash for their extraordinary flexibility and support with arranging a funeral during the holiday season.

Visitation will be held from 11:00-1:00 PM on Monday, December 30th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. A service will be provided from 1:00-1:30 PM where family, friends, and Deacon Tom of the Catholic Church will honor Chuck.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Kipp or Katey Pietrantonio.

Condolences to the family of Charles Pietrantonio may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“*Chuckie was Cousin #1 in the great Fraker household. Ten families, including those of my and Chuckie's mother, would have a summer meeting at Spread Eagle Lake where all the cousins would swim, fish, drop outboard motors into the lake, and have all kinds of fun. I also remember foolishly challenging the son of a man who owned a pool hall to a game of pool. I think I got one shot in before watching him repeatedly run the table. It was always great to see Chuckie at the Fraker reunions. We will miss him.*

Tom Muehlbauer

Thomas Muehlbauer - December 30, 2019 at 07:22 AM

KH

“*Sorry to hear about Chuck. I worked with him at Cub Food in La Crosse WI in 1984. Great guy. Thinking of the family as you celebrate his life. Don and Kathy Hill*

Kathy Hill - December 29, 2019 at 08:46 PM

WG

“ To Ron and all Chuck's relatives...I would like to offer my condolences to you. I could tell you a lot of things that occurred between Chuck and me...especially on the softball diamonds where I pitched and he played 2nd base for EK Iron and Steel...one was when he hit a home run off Carl Lemin in the district tourney against his Dad;s team...another when we were younger and would play softball on his street in the early spring and if the ball went into the snow bank it was a ground rule double.....the best memory,though,was our return trip in March 1965 after watching the Flivvers win the State quarter final basketball game....and,as everyone was tired on the return trip...we got into a huge winter storm in the U.P. and I was the last driver and ran off the road about 40 feet...took over an hour to get us back on U.S 2...it was Chuck's rental car and the side mirror broke from the impact of the deep snow...I did keep the car running so we would not freeze...at about 5 in the morning...Chuck almost lost his job,as he was about 4 hours late 4 work,,,,it was BC(B 4 cellphones).My friends at the pool hall called me OH No Groleau as I yelled out when I realized what I had done..I had fallen asleep at the wheel....Bill Groleau KHS Class of '61.

William Groleau - December 28, 2019 at 11:37 PM

MH

“ Chuck is a cousin...my mom and Mario we're brother sister...spent a lot of time with Chuck in earlier years...great person in many ways...I was one who he did give a job at store and also worked Tastee Freeze...my dad and Mare were kinda partners with the pool hall...spent time there also...my thoughts and prayers are with you guys! Mary Ann (DeCarlo) Hill..❤️

Mary Ann Hill - December 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM



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Kipp Ryan - December 28, 2019 at 01:31 AM