



Curtis E. Mattson

February 16, 1949 - October 28, 2015

Curtis E. Mattson, 66, of Felch and Kingsford, was called into God's loving arms on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at his home.

Curt was born February 16, 1949 in Sagola, MI, son of the late Walfred "Bally" and Helen (Sundholm) Mattson. He graduated from Felch High School in 1967 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Curt was a U.S. Navy veteran and served aboard the USS Lexington Aircraft Carrier, stationed out of Pensacola, FL. He married Priscilla "Persie" St. Onge on December 20, 1969 at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. Curt was a carpenter by trade and over the years worked for Dickinson Homes, Hugh Shanks and Tousignant Drywall. He eventually started his own company, C.E. Mattson Builder, Inc. which he operated for several years until his retirement. Curt was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was an avid North Dickinson Nordic and Minnesota Viking Fan. Curt enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and playing cards. He spent most of his time during the warmer months at his favorite place, "The Property", also known as "Curt's Field" and "Camp Curt". There he welcomed family and friends, enjoying coffee around the campfire and sharing great conversation with all. His excitement rose every time his grandchildren and even young nieces and nephews stopped by for a visit. Every November 14, the night before opening day of hunting season, hunters would gather at "Camp 31" to hear what Curt's predictions for them would be for that hunting season. He was a great son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend

to so many. Curt was all about family, kids and sharing, he loved them all and they loved him right back. He is going to be dearly missed but he has left us all enough wonderful memories to carry us through until we all meet again in our Lord's house.

He is survived by his wife, Persie, of Kingsford; two sons, Kirk (Brenda) Mattson and Alex (Dayna) Mattson, both of Felch; three brothers, Robert (Kathy) Mattson, Don (Tricia) Mattson and Randall Mattson, all of Felch; five sisters, Karen (Dick) Lindholm of Felch, Tana (Ron) Nord of Hardwood, Emmy Lou (Doug) Harder of Felch, Anita (Red) Johnson of Felch and Deena (Gary) Lindeman of Iron Mountain; five grandchildren, Hunter, Dugan, Zoey, Felix and Corbin Mattson; brothers-in-law, Lee (Marj) St. Onge and Douglas (Elaine) St. Onge; sisters-in-law, Sandra (Paul) Blockland and Diane Mattson; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, extended family and his two wonderful boxers, Toivo and Curto.

Curt was preceded in death by two brothers, Art (Carol) Mattson and Richard Mattson; a granddaughter, Alayna Mattson; brothers-in-law, Myron and Stanley St. Onge; and his dear friend, Jack Hummil.

Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10:00am to 12:00 noon on Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon on Monday at the church. Rev. Lee and Rev. Lori Liverance will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery. The Felch-Breen VFW Post #4803 will conduct military graveside honors.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Curt Mattson online at www.enashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson- Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

NOV 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
W4703 Metropolitan Rd.
Felch, MI 49831

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RL

“ Dear Persie, Karen, Emmy Lou, Donnie, and all the family: I was saddened to hear about Curt's death from my sister, Kathy. As a classmate of Curt's, I remember well his happy-go-lucky attitude, his humor, and his kindness toward everyone in our class. Curt was always positive. What a great guy. Alas, mortality calls, and the class of '67 gets smaller and smaller. All good wishes to you and the Mattson family.

Sincerely,
Randy LaLonde

Randall LaLonde - November 04, 2015 at 08:09 AM

SA

“ Hi Persie,
I didn't know your husband but saw that you had suffered such a loss. Just wanted to send my condolences. All of us from the class of '68' are losing more and more of our families. Wanted you to know you have been in my thoughts and prayers these last few days. Sandi Erdman Adams

Sandra Adams - November 03, 2015 at 10:42 PM

MO

“ Dearest Persie, Kirk, Alex and the entire families of Curty!! What a guy....I can honestly say whenever I saw him I never knew what to expect out of his mouth but it would alwayyyys make me laugh! He was a special guy to so many of us in the community and will be missedThis past winter I just happen to run into him often at Monette's IGA and we'd stop and chat like no time had passed. He had that special way about him.

One of my fondest memories of him was when we were little and he would stop by to visit and as many Oman kids could fit around the table he would tell us jokes and stories and then finish it off with Pushing his dentures outtalk about freak us out!! OMG...I am chuckling as I type this....I hope you know how loved he was in our household.

God's blessings at this very sad time....please know you are loved in this community and hope that you will lean on those that care as you heal thru this very difficult time.

Love you all.

Mary Oman and Duane Hongisto

MARY OMAN - November 02, 2015 at 10:23 AM

SP

“ Persia. You have my deepest Sympathy for the loss of Curt your love. This is Susan (Duff) Piatti, I know what your going thru just lost my boyfriend Terry Richer of Randville he had cancer was 66 also. I'm still lost in my own world just so lonely. I try to keep busy at my camp. Again I feel for your loss:(Susan Piatti



Susan Piatti - November 02, 2015 at 09:38 AM

DD

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Doug Davidson - November 01, 2015 at 07:47 PM

DD

I omitted Barbara between Andy and Pastor. Doug

Doug Davidson - November 01, 2015 at 07:54 PM

JM

“ *We were sad to hear of Curt's passing. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

John and Gretchen Moroni

John Moroni - November 01, 2015 at 07:13 PM

LO

“ *I remember when us girls were young and we still lived in Felch. Mom and Dad would have Curt come over to babysit us while they went to Solberg's. He would always blackmail us into scratching his back and rubbing his feet. If we wanted to stay up and watch the Miss America Pageant, that's what we had to do. It worked every time he would babysit for us. It was not just 3-5 minutes, I'm talking a half hour. Then when I was old enough to babysit, Curt would pick me up after he got with work and I would babysit for his boys. I never blackmailed them into scratching my back.*

I will always remember that about Curt. I love that man!

Linda Ovist - November 01, 2015 at 04:16 PM

MA

“ So so sorry for your loss...and our loss. We just loved Curt. The Nordic Trading Post and opening to deer season will never be the same! I hope Kurk and Alex take up buck prediction night in his honor. He was a wonderful friend and cousin. May God rest his soul. You will be in our prayers as you go through the grieving process. Mark and Tina Anderson

Mark and Tina Anderson - November 01, 2015 at 04:04 PM

PD

“ Pat And Debby lit a candle in memory of Curtis E. Mattson



Pat and Debby - November 01, 2015 at 11:23 AM



“ My parent's build a camp and they didn't have a out house so kurt build one out some scrap lumber from Anderson Potato farm, I believe Ruthann Wicklund broke it .Curt will be dearly missed, Kurt and Wendy Mattson, Moore,ok.

Kurt Mattson - November 01, 2015 at 02:11 AM

JB

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Juanita J. Bussmann - October 30, 2015 at 11:17 PM

JB

As I look at his beautiful picture with the blonde hair and white beard I find myself remembering him as the blonde haired, blue eyed boy who was fun to be around even as a child. He was a sweet man and a very nice cousin. Rest in peace Curt.

JUANITA BUSSMAN - October 30, 2015 at 11:21 PM

DL

“ *TO MY FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES, OUR SADNESS NOW IS VERY STRONG. BUT WHEN WE THINK OF OUR CURTIE, REPLACE THAT SADNESS WITH ALL OUR WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF HIM. THERE WILL NEVER BE ANYONE LIKE HIM. HIS LOVE, KINDNESS, HUMOR, FRIENDSHIP WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH BROTHER AND I THANK GOD FOR YOU BEING IN OUR FAMILY. LOVE YOUR SISTER DEENA*

D Lindeman - October 30, 2015 at 09:42 PM

LS

To Persie and all of Curt's family. Jack and I are so very sorry to hear of Curt's passing. We were so lucky to get to visit with him last summer when we were up in the U P. I have so many memories of the Great Times we had while growing up so many years ago. Although, it almost seems like yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. Peace Be With You, Leon and Jack

Leon Steinbrecher - October 31, 2015 at 11:45 AM

DD

Curt M: I am very sad to learn of Curt's death. I am really sorry I can't be there with all of you. What a guy! I knew him since Sunday School at Zion Lutheran even before we were in Kindergarten. So did many of his other classmates, Felch 1967.

He always brightened up a room or a dugout, or a locker room. He was a great friend, classmate and team mate growing up. He loved sports. One time he lead the basketball team with 20 points. He really liked being the catcher in baseball. He was part of every play of every game. We went through sandlot, Little League, Babe Ruth, High School, and American Legion together.

He showed up at school one day with his name sewn on the back of his baseball uniform: "Curt M" It may have been his mother that put it on or he might have done it himself. For baseball season, at least, we called him "Curtem", cause that is what it said to us.

In one game the runner on third took off to steal home with a right hand batter up. Curt jumped up (about the same time the batter swung), caught the pitch, dodged the batter and tagged out the runner. How the bat missed him I don't know. He might even have caught the pitch before the batter swung!

He could throw runners out at second too and had a real smooth move to first to pick someone off. He would just sit back on his haunches as if to lazily return the ball to the pitcher ,then effortlessly zing it down to Andy Edberg at First base.

Curt wasn't much into bunting though. No matter how simple Coach Lemin made the bunt sign, Curt rarely noticed it.

After Sunday School, we went through Bible Schools, Confirmation, First Communion, and Luther League (led by Dick and Karen Lindholm). One song we sang a lot was "What a Friend we have in Jesus". and Curt did have that friend.

Junior class play, Senior class play, Senior Skip Trip by train for 4 days in Chicago, he was there for it all adding to the good times.

If anyone could get audio or video of some or all of his service, I would sure like to hear or see it.

Doug Davidson, Spring Lake MI

Doug Davidson - November 01, 2015 at 04:30 PM

MF

Persie and family,

We are very sorry to hear of Curt's passing and to let you all know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Mike & Michelle Ferguson

Mike Ferguson - November 03, 2015 at 10:32 AM