



Dana E. LaPlante

August 5, 1960 - November 23, 2014

Dana E. LaPlante

54, of Norway, passed away on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at Aurora Baycare Hospital in Green Bay, WI. He was surrounded in love in his bodies passing by his wife of 23 years Linda; his sister and brother in love, Laura and Richard Greenwald; parents in love Glenn and Arlene Butterfield and with his families and friends love and prayers near and far.

Dana was born August 5, 1960 in Portland, Maine, son of the late George Sr. and Shirley LaPlante. He was a United States Marine Corps. Veteran of Desert Storm. Once a Marine always a Marine. Dana was active in the Dickinson County Office of Veterans Affairs, Norway Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Marine Corps. League. He enjoyed his work at the Habitat Restore, his volunteering for our area Special Olympics and his Friday visits to the Norway ISD classroom to see the students and staff/friends on his route for Binks Coca Cola. With his passing he will leave a huge hole in our hearts and souls. Our family asks that you share his memories, smile and laugh. By doing so, he lives on.

As in his life, he continues to help others on this earth through tissue donation. Dana will not only live on in our memories but also in those he helped in his death. This was made possible because we had talked about end of life choices and organ/tissue donation. We ask that you also have this talk with your loved ones of all ages, and please fill out the advanced directive. It is an easy form to fill out and you can get them at your local hospitals.

Dana was preceded in death by his son, Alan; his parents; two brothers and others that he loved dearly and was loved dearly by them all.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday December 2nd from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 1:30 pm Tuesday at the funeral home. Rev. Joseph Basso will officiate.

Military graveside honors will be held at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park following the funeral home services

A memorial will be established in his memory.

Life is precious, you mustn't waste it. Sometimes the water of life tastes bad but you mustn't waste it.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dana LaPlante online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 2. 1:30 AM (CT)

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

Visitation

DEC 2. 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Linda. this is your friend Julie Murken in Green Bay - I came up to the hospital to meet you. You've been in my thoughts and I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your beloved husband Dana. Know that I will be praying for you - peace in your heart, strength for the days to come. Please get in touch if you ever want to talk. All my love dear friend, I'll be thinking of you, (Julie Murken, Green Bay. You can find me on Facebook)



Julie E Murken - December 04, 2014 at 04:26 PM

CA

“ Linda,

I am so sorry for your overwhelming loss. Dana was such an awesome man. I will miss seeing him and sharing our memories of Alan. I am so thankful that you and Dana allowed me to be part of your school experience. I have to admit that sometimes it was a wild ride, but I made some lasting friendships and memories. Stay strong when you have to and lean on others when needed!

*Prayers and hugs,
Carol Skog*

Carol - December 02, 2014 at 12:12 PM

TS

“ Dear ((Linda))

I am so sorry my sincere condolences and prayers go out to you and support. I was so shocked when I was told about your Dana and then read this. I just came back from Florida on Sunday.

So please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time and if my hug was strong enough to take away your pain, I would start now and never stop.

Tony Serannio

Tony Serannio - December 02, 2014 at 11:26 AM



Amy Greenwald

“ Amy Greenwald lit a candle in memory of Dana E. LaPlante



Amy Greenwald - December 01, 2014 at 12:37 PM



“ *To Dana's wife and family,*

I had only met Dana once or twice. He was my step-uncle. I am Laura Greenwald's step-daughter. I found him to be full of humor and love. I respected the fact that he was a Marine. The day Laura married my father, Dana walked her down the aisle. I remember seeing him trying not to cry. He was dressed in full uniform. Although I hadn't really known him, I am shocked and saddened by his passing. My prayers and love go out to his wife and surviving family members and friends.

RIP Dana. You will always be in the hearts of those who loved you.

*Respectfully,
Amy Greenwald*

Amy Greenwald - December 01, 2014 at 12:36 PM



“ *Linda although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and in my prayers.*

Wendy Murphy



Wendy Murphy - November 30, 2014 at 07:01 PM

PD

“ Dear Linda and Family,

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. You are in my prayers.

Paul Dunphy



Paul Dunphy - November 30, 2014 at 12:33 PM

SA

“ Lord, be with Dana E. LaPlante and with his wife Linda and those who have so loved him in this world. Guide him to the light of Your eternal rest and peace, and console Linda and those who remain with Your strength and love. May all of them use this difficult time to become a source of support and comfort for one another.

Amen.



Safehavenforwidowed - November 30, 2014 at 11:49 AM

JM

“ Julie Murrell lit a candle in memory of Dana E. LaPlante



Julie Murrell - November 30, 2014 at 11:23 AM

JM

Dear Linda

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family as you struggle the grief and sadness. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Julie Murrell

Julie Murrell - November 30, 2014 at 11:27 AM

DL

“ *Dana became a good friend these past few years as we worked together at VFW Post 4581 and on the OVA Veterans Council. We were both Marines and had been stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, with our families. Dana was a great guy, dependable, and industrious. I will miss him, and the charities he worked with will have a hard time finding someone as dedicated. His son Alan graduated from Norway High School with my son Jake.*

Our deepest sympathies to his family, whom he loved very much.

Dennis Lynch and Family

Dennis Lynch - November 28, 2014 at 09:26 PM

S(

“ *Dear Linda,
Kathy and I send our deepest condolences on your loss.*

Steve (Talisker) - November 28, 2014 at 07:04 PM

TR

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences, words cannot begin to express the sadness you are feeling right now, but I am here for you and I am praying for you to get through this. God bless you and may the soul of Dana your husband rest in the everlasting peace of Christ Almighty.



Tracy Crain

Tracy - November 27, 2014 at 11:02 PM

TR

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Tracy Crain

Tracy - November 27, 2014 at 10:57 PM

KC

“ Linda, you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss and grateful at the same time that you know that your love lives on. (((Linda))))



Kristina Chermak - November 26, 2014 at 07:40 PM

GP

“ Dear Linda and family, I do not know you, but I'm a friend of Patty Chapman, who asked me to pray as soon as Dana had been involved in that horrible accident. I did, and I prayed for God's will. I am sending you my deepest condolences. May God envelop you in His arms and give you comfort as only He can. Gale Poole

Gale Poole - November 26, 2014 at 07:08 PM

SS

“ Linda and family. I loved Dana. He was such a kind and understanding, gentle man. I looked forward to visits from Dana on Tuesdays and Fridays. Most often he would be bearing gifts of out-dated soda and would enjoy giving it even more than I enjoyed receiving it.

He was a generous man but didn't want anyone to make a big fuss over anything he did. We were in need of file cabinets at school and not only did he give us one but he delivered it with that great big grin on his face. You would thank him and he would try hard to convince you that it was no big deal. It always was a big deal to me and my co-workers and especially the students.

Dana loved our students and they knew it. I don't believe he ever missed the long trip to the Soo to provide beverages generously donated by Binks and most importantly to offer himself to chaperone and run errands. Anything you needed that Dana knew about was taken care of quickly. After Al passed on we wondered if Dana would want to bow out of Special Olympics. No way! He looked forward to spending time with the athletes; helping to meet their needs and cheer them on. He made them happy and he was happy to do it!

This was the last year that Dana's beloved huge spider was to ride the front of his Coke truck. The weather and age had taken its' toll and the spider was to be discarded to make way for a new one next year. The thought made me sad. The students looked forward to running out and taking a photo with Dana, his Coke truck and that big, ugly spider! I regret that this year we didn't do it as the weather was so cold and wet. A lesson- Do it today because you might not have tomorrow.

Linda I want to thank you for giving me permission to hug your husband. He was a wonderful man and I know you have such wonderful memories to comfort you. I will miss seeing the adorable look that always came upon his face when you walked into the room. He just had to get close to you, he couldn't help himself. I will miss how you two would sneak out to share a quick kiss and hug before he left. You were like a couple of school kids and we loved it. After that horrible phone call I was crying, praying and looking out at

the storm. I was so worried and sad. Something came dancing across the field behind my house. I was mesmerized by it, I just couldn't stop watching it. I wondered what it was. It would dance and stop, dance and stop. Finally it came close enough to the house, It was a huge maple leaf. I had enjoyed it so much. I stood watching. After some time another leaf came and did the same beautiful dance but came right to where I was standing by the door and stopped. The thought of Al's four leaf clovers came to my mind. Could Dana be sending these maple leaves as a gift for Linda to watch for. I slapped my mouth hard at the thought because that would mean Dana was gone. I cried and cried. I eventually went to the front window to watch the storm. The wind had died down and my front lawn was covered in leaves that had settled down on top of the snow. Linda, I don't know for sure, but, it may be that Dana wants you to know that he loves you so much that he is going to send something that you won't even have to search hard for to be assured of his presence and his love. I feel funny even sharing this story but I feel I really should. This happened around 1:00p.m. that awful afternoon. Be it maple leaves or something else, I don't doubt that you will know and that Dana will send it often as he knew how much comfort those four leaf clovers from Al brought you. By the way, I still haven't been able to find any!

*I love you. My heart aches with you and for you. When you are up to it I really need to hug you. You are in my prayers. Much love,
Suzette*

Suzette Stenfors - November 26, 2014 at 05:48 PM

DD

“ *Linda - we are sorry we did not know Dana. It sounds like you were blessed by sharing your life with him. Wonderful memories will live on. God Bless you. Bud & Dorothy Duke*

Dorothy Duke - November 26, 2014 at 10:33 AM

NP

“ Linda, Dana's Habitat for Humanity family is thinking and praying for you and your family this week. We hold Dana in very high regard and will miss him dearly. Please do not hesitate to lean on friends in your time of need. - Habitat for Humanity Menominee River ReStore and office staff.

Nancy Pellegrini - November 26, 2014 at 09:01 AM

JA

“ SO very sorry Linda and family for your loss.. I am here for you. You are in my prayers. Your groww friend, Jan Struble

Jan - November 26, 2014 at 08:34 AM

DD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed chatting with Dana during his route stop where I worked. Reading his obituary, I did not realize all the honorable things Dana did and was involved in. He certainly was not one to brag! What a great guy and such a wonderful legacy he leaves!

Danielle Dolfurd - November 26, 2014 at 08:32 AM

Ada
May

“ Ada May lit a candle in memory of Dana E. LaPlante



Ada May - November 26, 2014 at 07:28 AM

 Ada
May

“ *My sympathy goes to the family I am so sorry for your loss. ((Linda))
I am at a loss for words just extra tight hugs.
Ada from GROWW*

Ada May - November 26, 2014 at 07:26 AM

VS

“ *I always knew Dana was near when I would see a big spider on a
coke truck at Halloween. :)*

Vicki Schuelke - November 25, 2014 at 08:26 PM

SS

“ *Siri Sholten lit a candle in memory of Dana E.
LaPlante*



Siri Sholten - November 25, 2014 at 06:08 PM

EA

*I was fortunate to get to know Dana working together at Binks Coca
Cola. The military stories, special Olympics, the countless
conversations about Neons! Nobody was more thorough at their job
tasks at Dana..I will never forget how awesome of an employee and
human being Dana was. RIP friend*

ed adiska - November 26, 2014 at 03:11 PM

GR

Linda, my heart is so sad for you. I am sorry to learn of Dana's death. I can not imagine the pain you are in, I am praying for peace and comfort for you. My dad used to speak kindly of Dana, saying what a nice man he was, and the few times that I had opportunity to speak with Dana he was always very nice. I am praying for God to surround you with His Holy Presence and comfort. My deepest sympathies. Much love and hugs to you
Gail Robert

Gail Robert - November 26, 2014 at 08:25 PM

CR

You were on my mind this morning before I saw the paper and the passing of you Loving husband. I can feel your pain and my heart goes out to you. I was thinking of Alan and wishing him a Happy Doughnut Birthday! I couldn't get to town to get any to have one but he was in my thoughts. Now is Dad will be with him! God Bless! Carla Revello

Carla Revello - November 29, 2014 at 03:38 PM