



Darell Pugh

April 29, 1941 - April 29, 2011

Darell W. Pugh, 70, of Kingsford, went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 29, 2011, with his family by his side, after a short but courageous battle with cancer.

Darell was born April 20, 1941 in Iron Mountain and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1959. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1960 where he served as a paratrooper with the 101st airborne. In 1964, Darell married the former Joanne St. Arnauld. He worked for Breitung Township Schools for 28½ years as a bus driver /custodian, retiring in 1999. Darell enjoyed life and the outdoors, especially being at camp with family and friends. He loved riding the 4-wheelers with his children and grandchildren. He had a passion for bird hunting, deer hunting and spent a few years raising pheasants with his son, Mark. Darell was an avid trap and skeet shooter at both the United Sportsmen's Club and the Dunbar Sportsmen's Club. He was recognized by many because of his distinctive laugh and people knew him by his laugh even if they didn't actually see him.

Darell is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joanne, and their two children, Michelle Galindo and Mark (Cheryl) Pugh. He was known and adored as "Papa" to six grandchildren, Logan Galindo, Morgan Galindo, Brittany Pugh, Marissa Cevigney, Rachel Cevigney, Sawyer Pugh and one great grandchild, Ayden Galindo. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Hyland Massicotte; a

brother, Donald “Dick” (Sally) Pugh; a sister, Linda (George) Bender; brother-in-law, Ed (Pam) St. Arnauld; sister-in-law, Joanne (Pugh) Helgren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Pugh; step-mother, Martha Pugh; a brother, Ken Pugh; and his mother-in-law & father-in-law, Eva and Alden St. Arnauld.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00pm at the Maranatha Assembly of God in Kingsford. Funeral services will follow at 5:00pm at the church. Rev. David Wilton will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet or the OSF Hospice in Escanaba.

The family would like to thank Dr. Jacobs and office staff for all their care and concern and OSF Hospice for their wonderful care. Also, a special thank you to “his nurse”, Joyce, and the Dickinson Co. Cancer Unit for all their help.

Condolences to the family of Darell W. Pugh may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Assembly Of God
920 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ND

“ Dear Joanne and Family
I just returned home from a trip and read the newspaper. I am so sorry to hear that Darell passed away. He always had a friendly smile for everyone.. My brother passed away with pancreatic cancer also. It is the worse. Be strong. Time and keeping busy does help a little. Sincerely, Norma Deyaert

Norma Deyaert - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Joanne, Michelle, and Mark you are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed seeing Darell when he would stop by and visit my dad (Jim Legault) and company, at camp smear. My dad and Darell were good friends, I wish I could remember all the stories. Let me know where your camp is so I can stop and say hi. Take care Dan Legault

Dan Legault - Galien, MI - friend - May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Darell "popped" up many times in the lives of the Schuster family. First, as the very likable bus driver of our children....next, as the custodian/maintenance man who helped our kids by making them track hurdles to practice on at home. Again, as a member of the trap shooting club where we spent many summer nights together for years. The old generator from his camp now powers our camp.....and many more memories of a fine human being.

We join in your sorrow but also celebrate his life. Our prayers are with you. May God lighten your burden.

Rocky Schuster - Iron Mountain - longtime friend - May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I remember Darell well from the days of him being a janitor/bus driver when I was growing up. He was a dear, special man who had a heart of gold. When I became a teacher he was still janitoring here at Breitung Township schools. He was a wonderful man who always gave you a smile. He touched many lives.....he will be missed.

-Julie Santi

julie santi - iron mountain, MI - friend - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Dear Mark, Michelle , Cheryl and families,
Darell was quite a man! He always brought smiles to the students who were lucky enough to be on his bus run!
He and your mom had a special relationship and that lives on in all of you!
My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time.
The void left by a dad's passing is one not easily filled!
Love to you all.
Cheryl

Cheryl Wender-Menghini - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear Aunt Joanne, Mark, Michelle, and Family,

Uncle Darell will be greatly missed. His smile and laughter could light up any room. I have great memories of Dad, Dick and Darell taking Deb, Mark and me to camp when we were little. There are lots of great memories to cherish.

We are so sorry for your loss. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

*Love,
Bill, Dan, Marissa & Jackson*

Bill Pugh - Nephew - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ JoAnne, Mark, and Michelle,
Marissa and Jackson and I were sorry to learn of Darell's passing. Our prayers are with you and your family. I hope you find peace in knowing he was loved, as are you all.

Martha, Marissa, and Jackson

Martha Morris, Marissa and Jackson Pugh - Flint, MI - niece and nephew - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To The Pugh Family, Our deepest sympathies to you for the loss of your husband, father, & grandfather. Darell was a great guy, who will be missed. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Pat, Jen, Sean & Cait Flynn

Jennifer Flynn - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I love you Dad, I will miss you every day. I know you are at peace and with the Lord. I will always have the life lessons instilled in me that you have shown and taught me and I thank you for that. I will see you again some day Dad. You are always in my heart.

Michelle Galindo - Daughter - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Mark and Family,

You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Scott Celello

Scott A. Celello - Iron Mountain, MI - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mark and Cheryl,

So sorry for your loss. Darell was such an approachable man with a down home sense of humor. My best to your mom and family. Prayers your way.

Tom Hill and family

Tom Hil and Family - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Kris (Pierce) Jones and family

Kris (Pierce) Jones - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Michelle,

I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He is now at peace and out of pain. I know that is little consolation right now, but I hope that it will help you in the coming days, weeks, and months. He was a fantastic man and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I have been praying for you and your family ever since I found out he was sick. I will continue to do so. Take care of yourself and your family. Love you!

Amy Fiorucci - friend, neighbor, bus rider - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ our deepest sympathies to the family, darrel was one of a kind

gary & marilyn spigarelli - brownstown, MI - cousin - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Somewhat current memory is Daryl & Joanne taking us 4 wheeling on their hunting property with the kids and stopping to pick raspberries. Beautiful weathered day with family. Fun stuff!

Kelly Sullivan and daughter Lauren - J. Sullivan Cousin of J. Pugh - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Michelle, I was sorry to read about your Dad's passing. He was a great guy/bus driver with a wonderful sense of humor. You have those same characteristics and carry him with you wherever you go. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Brenda Caldwell - Prescott Valley, AZ - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So very sorry to read of Darell's passing. My memories go way back, to the neighborhood days in Brieghtung, when Darell & my dad got their first English Setters together. Then to have Darell as a bus driver when we moved out from town - was a great plus. I hope you can take pride in knowing Darell touched many, from his great sense of humor to his kindness. May he rest in peace & forever be overlooking the Randville hunting camps.

Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC - neighbor, bus rider, friend - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Mrs. Pugh, Mark ,and family, Your husband, and father was a great guy. I always found him to be kind, caring and fun to be around. My best memories of Darell are those when I would chat with him during Thursday night football games when he was working, over by the scoreboard. It was also at that time I remember my then 2-3 year old daughter Maria would run to him and would spend a little time on his lap watching the game. He really seemed to have a way with kids. He will be missed.
Andy Wiltzius and family.

Andy Wiltzius - kingsford, MI - friend/co-worker - May 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM