



David Bilski

June 29, 1941 - June 29, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - David J. Bilski, 68, of 836 East I St. in Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly on Monday, June 29, 2009.

He was born June 14, 1941, in Norway, son of the late Jacob and Agnes (Stanek) Bilski. He graduated from the Vulcan High School in 1959.

He married his high school sweetheart, Janise Vivio, on Aug. 17, 1963, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway.

Dave began his work career as a surveyor for Kimberly-Clark. He worked for the Hanna Mining Co. for 17 years as a heavy equipment operator and finished his career in the maintenance department at the Iron Mountain High School before retiring.

He was a member of St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church, the Quinnesec Muzzle Loaders, and the U.P. Muzzle Loading Association. Dave won numerous championships for his marksmanship with the muzzle loader. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed camp, and loved hunting with his nephew, Dave Carey.

Dave also volunteered for the American Red Cross. He was a wonderful husband and father, and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Janise; one daughter, Stacy (Patrick) Eastman of Appleton, Wis.; one sister, Marion (Mike) Carey of Vulcan; and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Mary and St. Joseph Church.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at the church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga and Fr. Daniel Moll will concelebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Norway Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of David Bilski can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

MP

“ DEAR JANISE AND STACY, MY X-MOTHER AND FATHER IN LAW WERE YOUR NEIGHBORS,(PODGORNIKS) AND YOUR HUSBAND WAS THE KINDEST MAN EVER. HE WAS A WONDERFUL FATHER, I REMEMBER STACYS PLAYHOUSE IN THE YARD AND SUCH A WONDERFUL HUSBAND,MAY GOD BLESS YOU AT THIS TIME AND KNOW THAT GOD TOOK AN ANGEL TO SOON. LOVE TO ALL ,; MAUREEN' JULIAN PASTEN

MAUREEN JULIAN PASTEN - July 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear Janise and Stacey--

We were so saddened to hear of David's passing. As we read through the online condolences, the two words that kept reappearing were "good" and "kind." That's how we remember him, too. Jan, Tom had a conversation with him shortly after the two of you were married and David said being married to you was wonderful. You will miss him a lot and it is a great loss for the world.

*Sincerely,
Tom and Mary Bolek*

Tom and Mary Bolek - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Janise, I just heard about your husband's passing and am very sorry. I haven't seen you in many years, but I think you remember me. It is so difficult to lose a husband at such a young age and so unexpectedly. My father died unexpectedly at 66 and my brother Jerry at 59. May God bless you and help you get through this difficultly time.

Sharon (Bollone) Pelkola - July 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Janise and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you.*
Alice Reed

Alice Reed - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NB

“ *I am so sorry. I worked with Dave at East Elementary. He was the
hardest working, and most kind man I have ever known. He never
had a harsh word for anyone, especially the kids. I never heard him
say an unkind thing about anyone. He was a daily inspiration and
very uplifting.*
*You have my deepest, deepest sympathy. Heaven ceratinly got one
of the best angels ever.*

Nancy Buchcuski - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Stacy, I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember your dad as a
wonderfully nice man...I hope your memories will give you strength.*
My love to your mom.

Amy Sewell (Schupp) - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *Janice and Stacey,
I am so sorry for your loss. David was a wonderful kind man who
will be missed by all who
knew him. You could always count on a smile and
a friendly greeting whenever you met him. My deepest sympathy
goes out to both of you at the loss of your loving husband and
father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Sue Theisen

Sue Theisen - July 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ To the family of Mr. Bilski. I attended East Elementary when Mr. Bilski worked there. Now I am a somphore at Iron Mountain High School. I am so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Bilski was an amazing man. He made my day everytime I saw him. He was always smiling, and he was very nice to all of the kids at East. His kindness made a huge impact on my life, one I will never be able to forget. My prayers are with all of you now.

Jordyn Dumais - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ To the Bilski family,
We would like to offer our deepest sympathies at the loss of Dave. We met Dave many years ago at a muzzleloading rendezvous and saw him many times at various rendezvous we attended over the years. He was to say the least a fantastic fellow, always cheerful and loved his shooting competitions. We were very shocked at learning of his passing and want you to know you all will be in our prayers and hope your faith in the Lord will give you strength in this most difficult time.

Mike & Kathy Molnar - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WA

“ We are so sorry for the loss you are going through. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. If you need anything please let us know.

wendy attoe - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ Stacy and Janise,

My thoughts and prayers are with you both. You both have my sincerest condolences. Stacy, I don't know your parents, but through our conversations, I feel like I could know them. I'm praying that God gives you the strength to get through these difficult times. I can picture Jesus welcoming him into Heaven with open arms.

Nan Erdahl - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dave was truly one of the good ones, he will be missed. I am sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my prayers.

Carl Crenshaw - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Dave was a great guy and a very good friend. we will miss him always

Lyle & Joy Hebert - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Janise:
You and David will always be my perfect couple. this is a sad for both of us. You have my sympathy. May God Bless
Andy Bray

andy bray - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Janice and Stacy,
Our sympathy in the loss of your dear Husband and Father. We were stunned as we had been behind you at the Walmart check out two days ago. Whwr8y God calls some so unexpectedly we will never know. May he give you support and strength through this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.*

Jeannine and Gary Richtig - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May God give you strength during this difficult time.*

Amy Kadletz-Redlon - June 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM