



David B. Celello

September 10, 1956 - December 4, 2020

David B. Celello, 64, of Iron Mountain, passed away Friday, December 4, 2020 at Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay, WI after losing his battle with Covid-19 with his wife, Lisa, at his side.

Dave was born September 10, 1956 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Joseph and Dorothy (Roberts) Celello. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1974 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Following graduation, Dave attended Central Michigan University and then Northern Michigan University where he obtained his Bachelor's degree as an English major. He was accepted into the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, MI where he obtained his Juris Doctor Degree in 1984. Dave married Lisa Thompson on August 4, 1979 at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain.

Dave took pride in a 35 year career as an attorney at Mouw and Celello law firm representing the interests of the working man. He was a lifetime member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was also a founding member of the West Randville Sportsmen's Club and a past member of the Elks Club where he sat on the board.

Family was the most important thing to Dave. He enjoyed spending quality time with loved ones, traveling, being outdoors camping or at camp, celebrating holidays (every holiday was his favorite), attending concerts and

collecting albums, and entertaining his large family and friends. He had a passion for music, the Green Bay Packers, and life itself.

Dave is survived by his wife of 41 years, Lisa; three children, Ashley (Drew) Thomas of Kingsford, Joseph (Mallory) Ceello of Rockford, MI and Miranda (Ramiro) Robles of Indianapolis, IN; three grandchildren, Reece and Paige Thomas and Sophia Rose Ceello; five siblings, Richard (Kristi) Ceello of Breitung Township, Maryanne (Mike) Zambon, Scott (Shelley) Ceello, Nancy Santini and Michael (Andrea) Ceello, all of Iron Mountain; sisters-in-law, Marcia Thompson and Diana Ceello; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Mark and nephew Marc.

His family would like to share an excerpt from one of his journal entries from 1987 that embodies who Dave was, how he lived his life, and the legacy he passed on to his family, "I sincerely hope and pray that everyone in this whole world can find it in themselves to smile at least once today. And I hope that everyone can do just one nice thing for someone that their path crosses today. I feel good inside. See You."

Private family graveside services will be held at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain with Fr. Janusz Romanek officiating.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in David's memory.

Condolences to the family of David Ceello may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Joseph Ceello lit a candle in memory of David B. Ceello*



Joseph Ceello - December 03, 2024 at 08:26 AM

RS

“ *Dave introduced me to the Vodka and Cranberry. RIP Dave.*

Randy Shivy - May 24, 2021 at 10:43 AM

RS

“ *Randy Shivy lit a candle in memory of David B. Ceello*



Randy Shivy - May 24, 2021 at 10:41 AM

AW

“ *Met Dave around 10 years ago & will say he was one great guy. You will be missed by many Dave! Al*

Al Winquist - January 07, 2021 at 03:45 PM

MV

“ *Just learned of Dave's death today. Our heartfelt sympathies to the family especially Lisa.*

Mary VanHaute - December 25, 2020 at 07:01 PM

TS

“ *Dave Celello meant always kind and generous. Nothing but admiration. My condolences Lisa. Rest In Peace Dave*

tony savarin - December 24, 2020 at 09:53 PM

EK

“ *My prayers of peace and condolences for the entire Celello family. My first job as an attorney, 30 years ago, was with Mouw & Celello, as the only associate. I remember Dave and John asking me during my interview if I Deer Hunt. They proceeded to tell me I could not since all the partners would be gone during that time and someone had to mind the store. My fondest memories of the practice of law come from my time there. I also remember Dave would be the first one in the firms basement break room sipping a 5 pm cocktail buzzing each office to see when we would be down to join him. A good man who will be missed.*

Eric Knuth - December 18, 2020 at 12:48 PM

MB

“ *Dave will be dearly missed....from the earliest days of our carefree east side lives as kids to the years of watching our kids grow up together and start families of their own, Dave has always been a kind and gentle fun loving friend....We send all our love and prayers to the Lisa and the entire Celello family...Mark & Lisa Blomquist*

Mark J Blomquist - December 16, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SH

“ *To the family of David Celello,
We wish to extend our deepest sympathy and prayers to you.
Sue and Bill Hasse*

SUSAN CAROL HASSE - December 15, 2020 at 12:34 PM

CH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Celeslo family.*

Colleen and Mike Holmes

colleen and Mike Holmes - December 10, 2020 at 07:35 PM

JE

“ *Patty and I moved to Iron Mountain in 1991 to a house located on Cook Street. Dave and Lisa lived across the street. Cook Street was one block long and all of the neighbors knew one another. Several of the families had kids which were all of elementary school age so there was always something going on. Many a time Patty and I perched on Dave and Lisa's porch having a beer and watching the world go by.*

As time went on we all seemed to move away from the old neighborhood and the kids grew up and moved on, but we have always had a soft spot for Cook Street. Having moved to Iron Mountain for the first time, we could not have asked for better neighbors than Dave and Lisa.

Rest easy Dave.

John and Patty Edlebeck and Family

John Edlebeck - December 10, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ *Dave will be missed his great smile and wonderful personality.*

Jess Pike - December 10, 2020 at 01:58 PM

SC

“ i had the pleasure of being in White Beret with David back in the 70's. We also were in pool league together and he was the best on the team, always showing off his skills and coming in with the biggest smile and best attitude. My deepest sympathies to his family, friends and the whole community as he will be deeply missed.

Steve Cory - December 10, 2020 at 10:56 AM

JV

“ My sympathy goes out to the Celeslo family I will have you in my prayers. Jim VanLaanen

Jim VanLaanen - December 09, 2020 at 07:14 PM

DB

“ To Scott, Richard and entire Celeslo family. You have my deepest sympathies on the loss of David. I didn't know him personally but want to let you know your family did in my thoughts and prayers. Dave Brodersen

Dave Brodersen - December 09, 2020 at 05:49 PM

SP

“ The Polich Tousignant Law Offices send our deepest sympathies to the entire Celeslo family for your loss. May the memories of David provide you with strength and peace during this incredibly difficult time.

Steve Polich - December 09, 2020 at 12:30 PM

OW

“ MY SINCERE SYMAPTHY TO LISA AND FAMILY AND TO DAVE'S SIBLINGS. MAY GOD WHO OPENED THE DOOR WIDE TO DAVE'S HEAVENLY HOME WRAP HIS LOVE AND COMFORTING ARMS AROUND EACH OF YOU. KEEPING YOU IN PRAYER.
Orice Walters



Orice Walters - December 08, 2020 at 10:58 PM

MW

“ Mark And Amy Wisti lit a candle in memory of David B. Ceello



Mark and Amy Wisti - December 08, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to the ceello family, Dave was truly one of the finest men We ever had the privilege to know, you will be greatly missed around the campfires and “safety “meetings.....

Robert Hostettler - December 08, 2020 at 06:51 PM

TB

“ My condolences and heart felt sympathy goes out to the Ceello family. David was a very kind soul. He will be missed by many.
Sincerely, Tina Bianco

Tina Bianco - December 08, 2020 at 03:20 PM

WB

“ Our condolences to the Ceello family. Among many other great attributes, Dave was a true gentleman.

Walt and Doris Brey

Walter J Brey - December 08, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David B. Ceello.*



December 08, 2020 at 09:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David B. Ceello.*



December 08, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SA

“ Our sincere condolences to the entire family of such a tremendous loss of David! Our hearts are truly broken for each of you having to endure this pain. My prayer is that you hang tight to your faith and are flooded with beautiful memories and the love you shared. David was always extremely kind to me and would tell me I would always be part of the family. He displayed true Christian values and kindness to all humans that reminded me of his wonderful parents. He will never be forgotten and we will continually pray for the entire family. Love you all!!! God Bless!
Sheila Aucoin

Sheila Aucoin - December 08, 2020 at 05:48 AM

KL

“ My sincerest heartfelt condolences to Dave's family..my heart is heavy for you all

Kristen Lindholm - December 08, 2020 at 01:31 AM

AH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



Anne Hicks - December 07, 2020 at 10:40 PM



“ Dave was a genuine gentleman. I appreciate his warm welcome to his home when waiting for the world to end 1/1/2000. I appreciate Dave for always having an open seat next to him at the corner of the bar to welcome a conversation about work, politics, family, etc. And I will mostly miss his grin and bear hug whenever I ran in to him. Heaven brought you home, and I will miss those moments in earth where I get to hug a gentleman with a beautiful smile. 🥹❤️
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Jennifer Anderson - December 07, 2020 at 09:04 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of Dave passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. RIP ❤️

Jim Peterson - December 07, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ So sorry to hear about David passing from covid. Our prayers being sent to his family and the extended family. Mike Celeslo (Mickey) Veneta (Skeet) and family.

Mike Celeslo - December 07, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Lisa and all of the Celeslo family. Prayers that you find comfort in your treasured memories. Please accept my virtual hug to you all.
God Bless!

Joan DeClark - December 07, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David B. Ceello.*



December 07, 2020 at 06:02 PM



“ *My prayers to the Entire Cellelo family & His Many Many Friends.. Dave was an Amazing Man & I Loved Seeing him when i was Home, He was always invited To my Mexican Fiesta's & when he could Attend It was Great..I will miss His laugh & His Big Bear Hugs...Thank you Dave For being Such A Big Part Of our Family.. You will be Missed..*
Carrie Jo (Nelson) Mellinger

Carrie Jo (nelson) Mellinger - December 07, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *My condolences to the Cellelo family and all of his friends. My favorite memory is from when I had just begun law school and Dave was in his last year. He reached out to welcome me and to let me know that if I needed anything to call him. That simple act was so appreciated and said all I ever needed to know about Dave.*

Jason Julian - December 07, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ *Our most sincere sympathy to the whole Ceello Family in you loss of David!!! What a great guy, who always had a greeting whenever we crossed path's. You sir we be missed by alot of people in this community!!! Thank You for your Friendship!!!*

Richard and Gail Dabb - December 07, 2020 at 04:17 PM

HM

“ *Holly McCarthy-Biolo lit a candle in memory of David B. Ceello*



Holly McCarthy-Biolo - December 07, 2020 at 03:53 PM

HM

My deepest sympathy to the Ceello family. Gone too soon, bless him and all who knew him.

Holly McCarthy-Biolo - December 07, 2020 at 03:55 PM

JF

“ *With deepest sympathy ,Dave was a good Man and loved by all,prayers to all, see you on the flip side and save me a stool next too you,later Buddy.*

Jim Formolo - December 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM

LA

“ *I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband, Dad, grandpa, brother and friend. He was the definition of cool 💖 sending love. Xx*

Lana - December 07, 2020 at 02:27 PM

SP

“ *To our early days neighbor and friend. Our condolences to the Ceello family. Forever remembering your chuckle of goodness and the front porch sharing. Heaven has another Angel looking over us !!*

Scott Pancheri - December 07, 2020 at 01:59 PM

SP

“ *Scott Pancheri lit a candle in memory of David B. Ceello*



Scott Pancheri - December 07, 2020 at 01:59 PM

LT

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I will so miss his big smile and chuckling belly laugh. God bless and provide comfort for all of you with your loss*

Lisa Trebilcock - December 07, 2020 at 12:12 PM

MS

“ *I was a court reporter with KAP reporting for many years and did a lot of depositions with Dave. I always enjoyed seeing him and listening to him as he worked for his clients. It was a pleasure knowing him and I send my condolences to all of his family.*

Millie Stearns

Millie Stearns - December 07, 2020 at 12:03 PM

SP

My sincere condolences to the family and the community. Dave was an old fashioned, caring lawyer- his word was all the assurance one needed.

steve pence

steve pence - December 08, 2020 at 03:25 PM

JR

I just learned of Dave's passing today by way of the Workers' Compensation Section email. I am so sorry for his family's loss. Dave was a great lawyer and a good friend.

Jeff Reem

Jeff Reem - December 16, 2020 at 03:56 PM

KT

My condolences to Mrs. Celello and family. I will miss working on the other side of cases with Dave. He was a smart lawyer, someone that dealt with you fairly, a good man, and a good colleague. He often talked about his family and it was apparent how important that was to him. RIP.

Keith Theisen

Keith Theisen - December 16, 2020 at 04:15 PM