



## David A. Cocking

October 30, 1948 - March 18, 2021

David A. Cocking, 72, of Kingsford passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Dave was born October 30, 1948, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Howard and Grace (Pirlot) Cocking. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1966 and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in business from Northern Michigan University. He worked for Breitung Township before taking a position with Dickinson Homes. From there he launched a lifelong career in residential and commercial construction serving Dickinson County and surrounding Wisconsin areas. In 2019, he retired from D.A. Cocking Company, the firm he founded some 35 years earlier. Dave and his brother, Tom, also owned and operated the Woodward Bar in Kingsford for several years. He enjoyed reading, gardening, golfing, grilling and taking pontoon rides. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially cribbage and smear with his buddies, usually with a glass of Fortissimo in his hand.

Dave called West Lake on Spread Eagle home for many years prior to moving back to Kingsford. The lake was his sanctuary during his working years where he spent quality time with loved ones and lifelong friends. There was always a welcome sign at the dock and a beach full of joy and great summer memories. He will always be remembered as a man of few but meaningful words. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his greatest source of joy and

accomplishment later in life and he will forever be loved and missed.

Dave is survived by his daughters, Courtenay Nokes (Brad McKinnon) of Iron Mountain and Emily (Erik) Krull of Kingsford; his daughters' mother, Jane Juchemich; three grandchildren, Brooke (Brad) Uhazie, Alix Nokes (Charles Magley) and Ava Krull; two great-grandchildren, Zander Magley and Olivia Uhazie; two nieces, Andrea (Mike) Ceello and sons Zach and Gabe and Stephanie (Braden) Mook and sons Jackson and Collin; one nephew, Chris Cocking and his daughter Brittnae (Ed) Giesau and children Hunter and Macy; a very special friend, Mary Lou Clement; and former in-laws, Suzanne (Larry) Tinti, Darleen Smith, Dan (Jan) Kauper, Bill (Patty) Kauper and their son, Andy; and many extended family members and good friends.

Dave was preceded in death by four brothers, Robert "Bob", Jerome "Jerry", Thomas "Tom", and infant brother, Stephen; his step-mom, Dorothy "Dolly" Sparapani Cocking and her brothers and sisters, including a special Auntie Tiny.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 6th from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David A. Cocking online at [www.ernashfuneralhome.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhome.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere sympathies to the David Cocking Family. My prayers are with you today.*

*David was my cousin and I'll always remember him most from all the boys because he looked just like my dad, Roger Pirlot, and very quiet like him too. My dad and his mom were brother and sister. A lot of good memories were made in that neighborhood with my grandma Pirlot living just down the street on the 100 block of Lyman. Big family reunions were held there and David and his brothers were always there. He was a quiet but friendly gentleman. My condolences.*

*Vickie Pirlot Michaud*

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**Vickie Pirlot Michaud** - April 06, 2021 at 05:08 PM

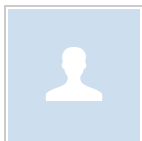


“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David A. Cocking.*



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April 05, 2021 at 07:03 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David A. Cocking.*



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April 02, 2021 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Sending our heartfelt sympathies to David's family.  
Larry and Mary Van Marter*

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**Mary Van Marter** - March 24, 2021 at 11:50 PM

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**Gordon Sorensen** - March 21, 2021 at 06:16 PM

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*Left to right is the: McDowells, Cockings, Sorensen's, Allen's, Morris' & The Wright families. Circa 1957-58*

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**Gordon Sorensen** - March 21, 2021 at 06:25 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to David's family for your loss.  
Dave and I grew up together, he at 217 Lyman and me across the street at 228. Hardly a day went by when we weren't together throughout child hood. By high school we had gone our separate ways but remained life long friends and it was only a couple weeks ago we talked at Econo Foods. I was so glad to see how much better he looked since a previous visit a few months prior. I will miss him more than I can say and consider his death a deep personal loss. He is the second of our gang of 4 to pass, Jim Peterson being the first, leaving Gary Tatrow and myself.*

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**Gordon D Sorensen** - March 21, 2021 at 04:02 PM