



David "Jerry" Corlett

March 26, 1931 - June 16, 2016

David Gerald "Jerry" Corlett, passed away at age 85, on June 16, 2016. He was born on March 26, 1931 in Ishpeming, Michigan to David and Eleanor (Murton) Corlett. He graduated from Ishpeming High School 1949. Upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force: 1950 – 1954, spending the last 3 years in Germany. He returned home and received his BA from Northern Michigan University 1959 in Industrial Education, and then his MA from Northern Michigan University in Elementary Education.

Upon graduating, he taught elementary education from 1959 to 1966, serving then as the Breitung Township Elementary principal 1966 to retirement in 1989.

He married Patricia (Jandron) Corlett in Ishpeming, on May 10, 1958, and she preceded him in death on March 29, 2014.

Jerry is survived by his daughters, Claudia (Matthew) Corlett-Stahl and Heather (Matthew) Corlett-Harrell; Beloved Grandchildren, Darbi Simmons, Maclaine Stahl and Cameron Stahl; nieces Julie (Gagnon) Johnson, Christine (Gagnon) Ratanen and Michelle Gagnon; Nephews, Alan (Patti) Garceau, Dennis (Carla) Garceau and Scott (Georgianna) Garceau

He was preceded in death by his wife Patricia (Jandron) Corlett, Mother Elenor (Murton) Corlett, Father David Corlett and Sister, Jill (Corlett) Gagnon.

Claudia, Heather and families would like to send their sincere thanks to the amazing staff at Freeman Nursing Home and Dickinson County Memorial Hospital - you did a great job at taking care of our Dad when we couldn't. We would also like to express a special thank you to Jim Debelak, Jim Verley and countless other friends who cared for, visited and loved our father throughout his long wonderful life. To our longtime friends and neighbors – The Chartiers, Sandbergs, Norrs, Freis, Collins' and Johnsons' – God bless all of you for being there. Words can't express what you mean to our entire family.

At Jerry's request there will be no services.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Dave (Jerry) Corlett Memorial Scholarship Fund for Aspiring Educators c/o Claudia J. Corlett-Stahl, 503 Park Place, Monticello, IL 61856.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David "Jerry" Corlett online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Saddened to see that Dave has passed away. I worked for him as a teacher's aide at Quinnesec Elementary School, while trying to find my niche in the world, not too long after graduating from high school. He always treated me as part of the staff and I so appreciated that. I have lots of memories, good memories of those years. May God comfort you in your loss and give you a peace that only He can give.*

Mark Rose - June 23, 2016 at 02:57 PM

BF

“ *Dear Claudia and Heather,
We so enjoyed your Dad. We got acquainted with him through Micki (my sister) and Jim.
Jerry had fine character, exceptional spirit and a zest for life. You couldn't help but love him.
Love and prayers,
Betsy and John Fikejs*

Betsy & John Fikejs - June 21, 2016 at 04:20 PM

TV

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad, another great neighbor and friend. One thing I have learned over the years is what solid, strong, friendships that we were so grateful to be blessed with growing up in our neighborhood. You just don't see that anymore. So MANY wonderful memories.*

Tammy Frei VanVreede - June 19, 2016 at 09:34 AM

SA

“ *Heather, we send our deepest sympathies to you and your family. It is always hard to lose one's parents. I am glad for y'all that he lived a long life. May you cherish your memories of him. With love, Susan and Ed Austin*

Susan Austin - June 18, 2016 at 09:24 PM

MB

“ *The Woodward Coffee Crew will never be the same without him. We will miss him dearly. Awesome man. I loved spending time with your Dad and Mom. Our thoughts and prayers to you all. Love Micci*

Micci - Woodward Bar - June 18, 2016 at 01:16 PM