



David Dawe

November 14, 1951 - February 11, 2025

Dave Dawe, 73, A.K.A. Tangler or the Can Man of Iron Mountain and Kingsford, MI, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Optalis Health & Rehabilitation of Kingsford.

Dave was born in Iron Mountain, MI, on November 14, 1951, son of the late Charles and Joyce (Israelson) Dawe and graduated from Iron Mountain High School, Class of 1969. A student of Northern Michigan University, Dave loved the outdoors, especially riding his bike and collecting cans. A lifelong resident of the area, he was known around town as the original “Can Man”, collecting cans for the last 35-40 years. He was quite knowledgeable about sports and enjoyed sketching and visiting with his many friends in town, including Denise Martin and her 3 children, Heather, Danny and Seth. He especially loved when his college buddies from Dakota House would come to get him and bring him to Marquette to golf and reunite with his best friends.

Along with his mother and father, Dave is preceded in death by a sister, Sue Dawe.

A visitation for David Dawe will be held Friday, February 28, 2025, from 10:00 am until 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Anyone in the community who knew and loved Dave is invited to honor him by attending his services on

Friday.

If you are interested in donating, please Click Here (https://www.gofundme.com/f/covering-funeral-costs-for-david-dawe?attribution_id=sl:0fe7b8f4-474a-4e31-814c-c7fbe0b63561&lang=en_US&utm_campaign=man_sharesheet_dash&utm_content=amp10_t1-amp13_t1&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)

Condolences to the family of David Dawe may be expressed online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *The Can Man*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 03, 2025 at 10:15 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *David Dawe Memorial Service*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - March 03, 2025 at 10:10 AM

PW

“Tangler

David's Name while at Northern and with his buddies.

Tangler “David” would share his world with anyone-- whether they wanted it or not. :-)

Tangler was the type of guy you would never forget. He had a big heart that some people saw, but others missed. He was understood well by his friends and was sometimes misunderstood by those who saw him occasionally. Tangler didn't care, HE was his own man. Not many in this world can say that.

I was a young fellow at Northern, in my teens. I had to leave the dorms in the spring and had no ride home for a few days. Nowhere to hang my hat. Tangler offered me a place to stay. I heard many stories. We had numerous discussions. I learned a lot. ONE of the things I learned is; that the world is a better place with divergent thinking. An insight our world today sorely, lacks today.

Wherever Tangler is today, he's shaking the place up! He may be handing out beers next to a keg, leading discussions on World War II military strategies, and creating some artwork. Rest assured, he is having an impact and the higher-ups are pleased.

Tangler we miss you, but you are now safe at home. Fair winds and a happy afterlife my friend!

Peter Wholihan - February 28, 2025 at 09:40 AM

CL

“ Anyone who took the time to talk with Dave would easily realize what a smart and funny guy he really was. He worked hard collecting cans, but he enjoyed what he did and got to follow the beat of his own drum. Which is what I think mattered most to him. I'm glad I got the chance to meet him and hear some of his many stories. May you rest in peace kind Sir.

Carrie LaBelle - February 15, 2025 at 03:20 AM

KE

“ I personally didn't know Dave very well at all but I have talked with him a few times and he was always so kind. Dave always seemed cheerful. Anytime that I saw him he never seemed to be in a negative mood. Dave was special- he was one of those people that you just knew was a good person. To all of Dave's family and friends - I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't really know Dave but I do know the world was a little bit better with him in it.

keyoni - February 14, 2025 at 09:12 PM

DY

“ rip tangler-from former roommate at Dakota house Dennis yackel

Dennis yackel - February 14, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LA

“ So many talks with Dave. Went and visited him at Shopko many times. As well as Walgreens and chatted with him about his life and adventures and art. I still have a Christmas card he made for us when he used to sit at Shopko right before they closed, as we sat and chatted. Visited with him at the hospital years ago and brought him things he wanted. This time I opted to skip it, and remember him before that, but offered items to help, because he would have done the same for me, or anyone of us. He was judged harshly by many, but was a wonderful, kind, man. His eyes were kind, and soft. That I will never forget about him, along with his warm smile for everyone he encountered, and his stubborn streak that would match my own. Loved it! May he dance with the angels, and I'll forever cherish the things he taught me about being a kind human. ☐

Lisa Anderson - February 12, 2025 at 09:20 PM

DM

“ So many memories of Dave I can't just pick one . He loved to come visit me n my kids wen we lived next door to each other on Maple St. Also wen we lived up on Millie Hill. I remember him n my youngest son Seth wen SWTH was like 7-8 yrs old making like 20 small snowmen all over back yard but it made it in the Iron MTN. newspaper lol. Watching my grand daughter couple hrs walking with her to city park n carrying her back cuz she was so pooped out. Or my youngest grand son who's almost 3 calling him Santa at Xmas time . We all had a big heart for Dave as he did for our family
R.I.P.DAVE YOU WILL BE SOOOO MISSED

Denise Martin - February 12, 2025 at 07:54 PM

AR

Dave was a gentle soul. When sitting in store entrances sketching, he liked to visit with those of us who chatted with him. Some of his sketches were very well done. He had artistic skills and liked drawing local scenes as well as making his own drawings based on calendar pictures. He liked to explain his use of colors and the focus of his scenes. I'm sorry to hear of his death. He has been a "fixture" in Iron Mountain for so many years. It will be sad not seeing him on his bike or sketching on a chair or bench at or near a store.

Alice Reed - February 12, 2025 at 09:03 PM

PS

R.I.P. Dave.

Phillip Steger - February 14, 2025 at 07:13 PM

DM

“ Our condolences and such sad news. Every encounter we had with Dave was always a great and friendly encounter. The community lost a great person. Rest in peace Dave ❤️

Don McCole - February 12, 2025 at 07:34 PM

MA

“ I'm so sorry to hear of his passing, I loved seeing him at Walgreens. He would be sitting on the bench in the entryway. His artwork was absolutely amazingly beautiful! He truly had a beautiful soul.



Marcie - February 12, 2025 at 06:39 PM