



David Gagala

February 17, 1949 - February 17, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - David F. Gagala, 60, of Iron Mountain, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1948, in Chicago, the son of Frank and Ethel (Rozhon) Gagala. Dave graduated from Brother Rice High School and attended Southern Illinois University. He worked as a salesman for Perry Printing until 1997

Dave married Mary Augustine on Nov. 24, 1978, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Norway.

Dave was very involved in Iron Mountain High School athletics. He was the statistician for the volleyball team and an assistant volunteer coach for the girls track team, helping with shot put and discus. He was named the "Iron Mountain High School Athletic Booster of the Year" for the 2001-2002 school year. Dave also was a great supporter of St. Norbert College athletics.

Dave was an avid fisherman and hunter. He enjoyed spending time with his dog, Mollie and outdoor camping. He participated in many fantasy sports leagues and at one time was the manager of the Quinnesec Wishigan League Baseball team.

Dave is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughter, Laura Gagala of Milwaukee; his parents, Frank and Ethel Gagala of Iron Mountain; his sister, Christine (Donald) Schmidt of Peavy Falls; his brother-in-law, David (Joan) Augustine of Lansing, Ill.; his sisters-in-law, Susan (Peter) Reijula of Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Ann (Todd) Dixon of Lansing, Mich.; his nephews, Todd (Becky Meiner) Schmidt, David Augustine, and Dain Dixon; his nieces, Carrie (Jake) Bradley, Sara (Steve) Schulz, Amy Augustine, Katie (Ed) Wasilewski, Lisa Reijula, Erica Reijula, and Amber (Ryan Hasenbank) Dixon; and many close friends.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. at the funeral home and at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga will officiate.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Jim Fornetti, Rex Terwilliger, DeWayne Weinfurter, Jake Bradley, Todd Schmidt and David Augustine.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to the family will be used to sponsor Dave's daughter Laura, who is running the Chicago Marathon for the American Cancer Society in memory of her father on Oct. 11, 2009.

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

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

Tribute Wall

JN

“ *Mary and Laura,
I am so sorry I couldn't make it to the funeral, I was down state for cheerleading. Please know I am thinking of you at this time. I know what a huge part of your family he was. If you need anything please let me know.*

*Love,
Jennifer*

Jennifer Nagy - February 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *Mary Lou and Laura,
You are in my thoughts and prayers! God Bless!*

Cindy Anderson - February 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Mary Lou & Laura -*

My thoughts and prayers are with you both.

I cherish all the memories we share together.

I'll never forget David.

May God Bless You.

Dave Sroka - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Laura - I have been out of town and just found out about your father. You have my deepest condolences. If you need anything at all I am here for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With sympathy...LeeAnn

LeeAnn Johnson - February 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Our sympathies for your loss. Our hearts and prayers go to you and your entire family.

Jen and Jason - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Laura, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your "VA" family is thinking of you!
suzi

Suzi Bloedel - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I did not know Mr. Gagala personally, but at Kingsford High School I was a thrower and at every track meet against Iron Mountain, he was always very supportive and kind to me. I am very sorry for your loss.

Molly Wiltzius - February 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies for your loss. My prayers are with you and your entire family.

Michael Zevitz, M.D. - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I am very sorry I can't make it up there for the wake/funeral but wanted to let you know my thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Dave was a great man and will be missed by all.
Sara

Sara Schulz - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ mary,
my prayers and deepest sympathy to you and your family. hold the memories close to your heart,
let God help you through this difficult time.

sandy jankowski neargarth - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Dear Mary Lou, Laura, and All,

I am sorry I cannot be there for the services. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please know that I am there for you, Mary Lou, if you need anything.

My deepest sympathy to you all.

Cynthia Gordon - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Mary and family. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Dave was a wonderful man and a very good neighbor. Sorry that we won't be there for you, but you are in our prayer's.
Dick & Gail Dabb

Richard John Dabb - February 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM