



David L. Grenfell

January 12, 1945 - January 12, 2022

David L. Grenfell, 77, of Kingsford passed away on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at his home.

He was born January 12, 1945 in Iron Mountain, MI, son of the late Llewelyn and Julia (Serena) Grenfell. David attended Iron Mountain Schools and was a resident of the area for most of his life.

Dave married Therese “Terry” Pankonen on June 20, 1992 at Maranatha Assembly of God, in Kingsford. The two of them shared over 30 years together. Dave and Terry enjoyed traveling around the country and were avid members of NARCOA (North American Railcar Operators Association). They had many treasured memories of their railway adventures together. Additionally, Dave was a car enthusiast and has been a longtime member of the Just Cruzin’ Car Club in Iron Mountain. The two of them enjoyed spending time with friends and family, traveling, classic car rides, bonfires, feeding the deer & squirrels, and watching the birds.

Even at a young age, Dave was an entrepreneur. While his older brothers asked for BB guns for Christmas, Dave asked for a welder. No matter what the task was, Dave tackled it “head-on.” He was extremely hard-working, dedicated, and passionate.

Dave was a “jack of all trades.” He was extremely talented and had a unique ability to acquire an item, piece of machinery, or building, and put his own “spin” on it to make it multi-functional. In earlier years, Dave was the owner of a dam in lower Michigan. Many summers were spent tending to the dam and ensuring it ran efficiently. In the years to follow, Dave has had a wide variety of jobs throughout the years. His skill-set and special talents have led him in numerous directions. In the community, Dave was responsible for the construction of multiple buildings and businesses. He has designed and manufactured powerline equipment, as well as worked as an advisor/consultant within the industry. As busy as he was, Dave was never too busy to miss his daily “scrap-run,” to Schneider Metal. He was always “on the hunt,” for the best scrap metal to be found.

Given all of his “adventures,” in life, Dave was most passionate about his love for aviation. He has been a pilot for the past 50 years, and has owned numerous planes over the course of his lifetime. Despite a few “incidents,” he continued to remain loyal and dedicated to his love of flying.

He is survived by his wife, Terry; two sons, Todd (Donna) Grenfell, and their son, Eli, of Suamico, WI and Glenn (Kim) Grenfell, and their children, Dominic and Addison, of Iron Mountain; step-son, Scott (Linda) Colantonio of Oshkosh, WI and their children, Anthony Colantonio of West Bend, WI, Daniel Colantonio of Alexandria, VA, Julia Colantonio of Lacey, WA; step-daughter, Kristie (Faron) Thompson, and their children, Nathan and Sami, of Chandler, AZ; a brother, Thomas (Kay) Grenfell of Kingsford; and several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Norma Lindstrom.

In addition to his parents, Dave was preceded in death by a brother, Bud (Mia) Grenfell and a sister, Jeanette (Norman) Miller.

A Celebration of Dave's Life will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 12 noon until

3:00 pm at the Cowboy Lake Pavillion.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Dave's memory.

A friend of Dave's shared that after hearing of his passing, he woke up in a cold sweat in the middle of the night. He chuckled as he thought to himself, "Now, it's God's turn to deal with Dave!"

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

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Celebration

JUL **24.** 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Cowboy Lake Pavillion

Tribute Wall

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“ Dave was a good man to me he taught me so much a d all I had to do was ask Dave for help and I had it thank u Dave u will always be Mr happy to me

Bill hagberg - March 18, 2022 at 09:49 PM

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“ Opportunity and Adventure. My time with Dave was always full of either, and often times both. Jumping in "the Bird" for a ride, Putt putt ride in West Virginia, "panny cakes" at the airport, fish boil on Washington Island, Great Lakes fishing, or just chatting in his shop or mine, it was all an adventure with plenty of opportunity to learn from Dave. I will not forget, and will always be thankful for my time with Dave. May God bless your journey Home.

Eric Schneider - January 19, 2022 at 09:07 AM

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“ Where to start? where to end? With that said, I would like to think there is no end and we all move on to the next place in time what ever or where ever that may be, let God have mercy on our souls! knowing Glenn/working/racing with for many years, I got to know Dave, I always enjoyed talking with him about anything mechanical/Electrical, Dave was a wealth of knowledge! Not to mention a great pilot, Having the opportunity to fly with and fly one of his planes, As a so called pilot in training and I say training! I will never forget and could never thank Dave enough for that experience! Enjoy the other side Dave until we meet again!

jeff freeman - January 19, 2022 at 01:20 AM

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Thank you Dave I have work for you for many years over at your shop in Kingsford and when I work on somebody's piece of equipment I keep you in mind I would never know much as I do it wasn't for you Dave I'm going to miss you buddy may God bless new journey home I'm very happy that you have considered me as a friend and I won't ever forget my promise when we were at the cemetery making your resting spot I looked at you and said I will keep the grass is green is possible around you

Bill - January 19, 2022 at 02:18 AM