



David LaVarnway

June 2, 1956 - June 2, 2009

IRON MOUNTAIN - David J. LaVarnway, 53, of W8969 Frei Drive, Iron Mountain, died suddenly on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at his home.

He was born Oct. 28, 1955, in Iron Mountain, son of Roy and Noleen (Bratton) LaVarnway. Dave was a lifelong resident of the area and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1973. He attended Muskegon Business College and received an associate degree in accounting.

Dave married Jodi Rice on Aug. 9, 1980, in Iron Mountain. He owned and operated Northern Products in Homestead, Wis., along with his partner, Jim Bellmore. Dave was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt, fish, and spend time at camp with family and friends. He also enjoyed many trips up and down the Menominee River on his pontoon.

He was an avid bowler and was proud to have thrown a perfect 300 game.

David is survived by his loving wife, Jodi; his daughter, Jamie; his father and mother, Roy and Noleen LaVarnway of Kingsford; one sister, Laurie (Tom) Johnson of Iron Mountain; one brother, Mike (Heather) LaVarnway of Kingsford; his mother-in-law, Shirley Rice; six sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, Patti (Ron) Schneider, Vicki (Ford) Waterman, Debbie (Bill) Johnson, Lori (Jim) Machus, Bill (Sheree) Rice, Tami (Jon) Olson, and Jackie (Steve)

Schaut and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bernard "Bunny" Rice.

Friends may call from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Jim Bellmore, Dennis Charette, George Goettler, Tom Inglese, Jan Groeneveld and Bill Burby.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Dave's memory.

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

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

Tribute Wall

AF

“ Jodi, Jamie, Roy, Noleen, and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Alice Reed

A friend - July 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Jodi and Jamie,
I went to school with Dave. He was always a great guy and liked everyone he met.
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please remember that he is in a much better place.
I do know what losses of loved ones are about. I lost my first 2 grandchildren at ages 23 months and 3 1/2 years old.

God Bless
Denise Jacobson and family

Denise Jacobson - June 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Mike,
I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. Your family will be in my thoughts & prayers.
Kristine

Kristine (Bednarz) Blanchard - June 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Jodi, Jamie I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS!!

Wendy Robertson - June 05, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *Jamie and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Jenni Lindstrom - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Dear Jodi and Jamie,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that I am praying for you.
Stephanie Stevens*

Stephanie Stevens - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *Dear Jodi, Jamie and family. I am so very very sorry for your loss. I only met David a few times while I was working at the country club, but he seemed like a wonderful, nice, and caring person. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

With love,

Alyssa Maraccini

Alyssa Maraccini - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Jodi and Jamie Lynn, We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Let God wrap his arms around you and give you the strength to get through your days ahead. Use Dave's love as your guide when your days get difficult. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You and your Family. God Bless! Sincerely, John, Pam, Summer and Sam Pietrantonio*

Pietrantonio Family - June 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Jamie and Jodi- You both are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this trying time. My God be with both of you. Have peace and faith- Eliza Mitchell

Eliza Mitchell - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Jodi and Jamie, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We can't even imagine the shock and pain you must be going through right now! Please know that you are in our thoughts and have our deepest sympathy.

The Cram Family - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Jodi, Sorry for the hurt you & yours are going thru, may God bring comfort & peace. Remembering you in prayer. Denise Pelletier Nault

Denise Nault - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Jodi, Jamie and all of your family, We are so sorry to hear of your unexpected loss. I can't even imagine what you are going through right now, but know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and support of family and friends help get you through this very difficult time. God comfort you and give you peace.

Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Jodi, Jamie and family, We are so very sorry for your loss, David was such a great guy. You are in our thoughts and prayers

Art & Shelley Dumais - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Jodi, Laurie, Roy & Noleen & family,

My deepest sympathy. May you find strength & comfort in family and friends during this time of loss. Wishing you warm memories to hold you during the minutes, hours & days ahead and may peace replace the pain as your lives go on. My prayers are with you all.

Chris (Hanson) Paoletti

Christine Hanson Paoletti - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR TRAGIC LOSS. MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU.

*JIM LEE
(CAROL GAYAN'S BROTHER)*

JIM LEE - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Jodi, Jamie, and family, We are so sorry for your lost. You are all in our prayers and thoughts this week, if there is anything you need please call. Jamie we are here if you need us we love you very much(both of you).

Love, Albert, Maureen, Nad Billy Jo

Maureen Galeazzi - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss....Dave was one of the "Good Guys". Our thoughts are with all of you.

Mike and Jane Mitchem - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are deeply saddened for your loss. Please know that we are thinking of the both of you, and will keep you in our prayers.

The Shemanski Family - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Jodi, Jamie and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything we can do please let us know. Al, Sandy and Ariel Bloniarz

Bloniarz Family - June 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM