



David H. Lemke

September 15, 1941 - October 12, 2020

David H. Lemke, 79, of Kingsford, passed away on October 12, 2020 at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Dave was born September 15, 1941 in Antigo, WI to the late Herbert and Helen (Kussow) Lemke, grew up in Wisconsin and Lower Michigan, and graduated from Williamston High School in Williamston, MI in 1959. Dave entered the Michigan State Police force in 1967 and after spending 18 months at the Bridgeport post near Saginaw, transferred in 1969 to the Michigan State Police post in Iron Mountain, a decision he never regretted. After 25 years of service, Dave retired from the force in 1992. He then worked for MJ Electric in the safety division and most recently drove an armored vehicle for local banking establishments.

Dave married Catherine (Norton) Lemke on May 12, 1962 in Gladwin, MI. Dave and Cathy raised their family in Iron Mountain and moved to Kingsford in 1997. Cathy preceded him in death on September 18, 2019, after 57 years of marriage.

Dave was born into the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and baptized into the faith on October 12, 1941, 79 years to the day that he left this world to join his Lord. He was a member of the Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Dave loved adventure, his family and friends, and serving others. He was an avid motorcyclist and for many years toured alongside friends or on his own to various destinations with the National State Parks of Bryce and Zion being some of his favorites. While serving with the Michigan State Police, he was selected to go to Australia for a Rotary group exchange program. Trooper Dave, as he was known to many, served for 12 years as the MSP Community Service Officer and taught CPR to area residents through the Red Cross and Community Schools for over 15 years. He loved a good cup of coffee or a great steak out with his many friends, and lending anyone a hand with a project. Despite the many health challenges thrown at him over the past couple of years, he remained upbeat and optimistic to the very end.

Dave will be lovingly remembered by his children Sally Lemke of Oak Park, IL and Jeffrey (Patty) Lemke of Cary, IL; his five grandchildren Adam Lemke-Bell, Charlie Lemke-Bell, Mitchell Lemke, Lucy Lemke, and Gavin Lemke; his sisters Myrna Hollander and Ruth (Keith) Krueger; his brother Kenneth (Carol) Lemke; several nieces and nephews; and many very special friends.

Services will take place at a later date, when coming together in the way that best honors Dave's life can be done safely, and will be announced. In the meantime, condolences to the family of Dave Lemke may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Sally and Jeff I am not sure you will remember our family, but we shared many wonderful times together during our time in Iron Mountain. Ronald I deeply saddened by the passing of your parents. We had hoped to see them on a recent trip and were shocked by their passing. Our thoughts remain with you both and your families. And we will continue to hold close the many fond memories of your family and our time together.
Michele McClellan

Michele McClellan - September 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM



“ Such a wonderful guy, Trooper Lemke. He would go out of his way to help anyone in need. He truly loved his fellow man. I had the awesome opportunity to work as an Admin Assistant to Lt. Cody and staff at the IM MSP post in the early eighties. I loved being a part of the Michigan State Police.
Thank you Trooper Dave for just being you.
Ellen Styberski Coogan, Great Falls, Montana

Ellen Coogan - June 25, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ My sincerest heartfelt condolences to the Lemme family..

Kristen Lindholm - October 31, 2020 at 12:39 AM

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“ Dave was a wonderful Man as well as his wife Cathy. He surely will be missed. As a retired Sheriff of Dickinson County I have always had the utmost respect for Trooper Dave. He will be missed. RIP
Brother

Don Charlevoix - October 19, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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Don: On behalf of our family, thank you so much condolences and kind words.

Sally Lemke

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