



David Occhietti

June 4, 2007

NORFOLK, Va. - David John Occhietti, 56, of Norfolk, formerly of Iron Mountain, died Monday, June 4, 2007, in Norfolk from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born on May 17, 1951, in Iron Mountain, the son of Louis and Rosemary (Tichelaar) Occhietti.

David graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1969. He was an officer for Kingsford Public Safety before he was named the chief of police on the Hannahville Indian Reservation. He then went to work for the U.S. Department of Energy and U.P. Engineering.

David had a love for the water, setting sail in September 2006 to live on his sailboat and sail the coast of the Atlantic. He was very proud of his sailboat named "Cool Runnings" which means peaceful journey. He also liked to go diving and had a strong interest in computers and technology. His kids and grandkids will always remember his goofy sense of humor.

He is survived by two daughters, Kristal Occhietti of Kingsford and Kylene Occhietti of St. Cloud, Minn.; his mother, Rosemary Occhietti of Iron Mountain; one sister Donna (Joseph) Krall of Canton, Mich.; four grandchildren, Jonathon, Alexis, and Lindsey Aichner, and Evi Hebbeln; one nephew, Joseph

Krall Jr.; his former wife, Helga Anderson; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Occhietti on April 25, 2007.

Private family services will be held.

Condolences to the family of David J. Occhietti can be expressed online at www.tondinfuneralhome.com.

The Tondin-Ross and Freeman Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ I had known Dave for many years and when I just looked at the obits in the daily news online as I live in Kenosha, Wisconsin I was stunned.
I feel very bad for the kids and the grandkids for loosing their father and grandfather.
Dave was a really great guy. He could make anyone smile even when they were upset about something. that was the kind of person he was. He was also a very loving & caring person. If someone needed something Dave would have found a way for that person to have it if he thought that they really needed it.
Denise Jacobson

Denise Jacobson - June 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ he will be missed .we had a lot of fun at the air port nightshift he will be missed i will think of him alot sorry for your loss

charles garbrecht - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ Donna and family so very sorry to hear about David. Please except my sincere sympathy at your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Take Care. Tammy

Tammy Spigarelli - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ When I saw dave's obit. in the paper this morning I was shocked. I am so sorry. Dave and I spent some time together breifly in 1985 I think, and of course it was diving that brought us together. We were obtaining our search and rescue certificate with bob berg out of menominee, diving the smithmoore and other wrecks near by, and what a time we had. I had a leg injury at the time, so dave volunteered me as the ghinie pig for rescue. All I had to do is lay at the bottom of lake superior while every one else halled me up to the boat in a pretend rescue. I had the easy part. I was to keep my eyes closed, and remain limp. I can still here dave's voice taking charge, yelling out orders, and making sure everyone else took very good care of me. I really felt like dave just took a liking to me, and we were both getting heavy into diving. He helped me in so many ways. I got a dry suit (red), just like his, andwe took great pleasure in diving the Trader's Mine, when it was clean, and so awe inspiring. We made several dives together there, and was to this point, my most memeral dives. I took a picture of dave as we were gearing up, and still tell the stories of our dives to others as I show him. He was timid about getting his picture taken, but allowed it anyway. He wanted to include me in plans to make commercial diving our way of making a living. He bought an underwater camera and took pictures (and maybe even movies) of the mine underwater, and because I was busy, he broke the diving rule, and did this alone. I was shocked, but never underestimated his ability. As he moved away, we lost touch, but has always been in my heart as a true friend. I could not be the free spirit Dave was, and just do it. I'm a home town boy, and Diving commercially was a bit too scary for me, but I so apreciate dave for who he was. I'll never forget him. Sad in Kingsford, David E. Carlson P.S. I would sure like to see those old pictures and movies dave took of the mine, and other adventures he experiences in his life time. I'll bet it would be so facinating, to say the least!

dave carlson - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Family,
We are old friends of Dave. My husband used to work with him at the airport (north central airlines). One of you girls came to our daughters birthday party at McDonalds when you were three. I remember her name started with a K and she was cute and blonde. our daughter will turn 28 this June. Your Dad also came and visited us when we lived in Florida a few times. He was usually checking out the job market. Police agencies, security ect. and of course diving. He always talked fondly of you girls and missed you much. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Dave had the true pioneer sprit for adventure and he's off on the ultimate one now.
Take Care,
Wendy&Ron Seppi

Wendy and Ron Seppi - June 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kylee, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I noticed in his obit that his goofy sense of humor was mentioned, that is how I meet him. The few times he stopped at the office, he could have us laughing in no time! Always remember that he loved you all very much and he will always have smooth sailing! Give Evi a big hug for me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow.

Jennifer Flynn

Jennifer Flynn - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ My thought and prayers are with all of you during this time of loss. Take heart in knowing that David has joined his dad, other relatives, and friends that have already passed and is now sailing in the skys in heaven. Take care and God Bless, Cindy Reynolds

Cindy Reynolds - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Dear Aunt Rosemary, Kristi, Kylene, Donna and Helga,
Word can't express the sorrow we feel for all of you. Losing Louie
and now David seems unbearable. You must hold on tightly to one
another knowing that they are in a better place. Remember you are
surrounded by love and prayers by everyone who knows you. Love
Yvonne and Tom

yvonne sericati - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM