



## David Ruohomaki

February 8, 1954 - February 8, 2013

David C. Ruohomaki , 59, of Kingsford passed away on Friday, February 8, 2013 at his home.

David was born July 6, 1953 in Ellendale, North Dakota, the son of Wilbert and Anita (Malkamaki)Ruohomaki. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1971 and won a scholarship his junior year to Interlochen Center for the Arts. David served his country for three years in the U.S. Navy. He was confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. David was a dedicated employee with the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years, retiring in 2008. For several years, Dave volunteered his time with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. He was an avid Green Bay Packers and Detroit Tigers fan. David loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed spending time at camp and Ottawa Lake. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and collecting stamps.

David is survived by his mother, Anita of Iron Mountain; a sister, Danelle Jones of Saginaw, MI; three brothers, Dan of Neenah, WI, Dean and Daryl, both of Iron Mountain; two nieces, Deidra Ruohomaki and Dayna (Gabe) Lacosse; two nephews, Jeff and Derrick Ruohomaki and numerous step nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Wilbert "Sully" Ruohomaki.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 10:00 to 11:00 am at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. James Lindgren will officiate. Burial will be in the Hematite Township Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David Ruohomaki online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **12**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Memorial Service

FEB **12**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ to all of Dave's family and MOM!  
We are so sorry this message is late... I was gone out of town &  
then it slipped my mind!  
We were so sorry to hear of your loss...  
we will keep you i our thoughts and prayers!!  
God Bless you!  
Susie & Rick Holland

---

**SUSAN HOLLAND - Iron Mtn, MI - friend** - February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ A sad day for all who knew Dave. I worked with him at KFC while in  
high school (many years ago). He was a class behind me in school  
but we had many good times together. I will always remember his  
kindness and dry sense of humor. My deepest sympathy and  
prayers to the family.

---

**Deb (Doney) Chartier - Peoria, AZ** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am sorry for your loss. A good guy. I will keep Dave and family in  
my prayers.  
Jim Fornetti

---

**jim fornetti - iron mountain, MI** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Anita and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with  
you.  
Tom and Dawn Griggs and family

---

**Dawn Griggs - Iron Mountain, MI - friend of family** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My condolences to Anita and all of the Ruohomaki family.*

---

**Robert Aho - Baraga, MI - classmate** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *I am so sorry about your lost. David was a very good neighbor, one of the best, he will be truly missed.*

---

**Peggy Roberts - Kingsford, MI - neighbor** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *We are very sorry to hear about Dave. He was a great friend.*

*Gerry, Dennis and melissa Mattson and Cody Green*

---

**gerry and dennis mattson - iron mountain, MI - friend** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ *We are very sorry to hear about Daves passing. Sorry we can't make it back to Iron Mountain. He was a great person and friend. Brian lives in AZ now. Brian did get in touch with Ron Owen. He was in the Navy with David and Brian. Our deepest sympathy to everyone in the family. We will miss him... Brian, Violet and Jennifer Bongi*

---

**violet and brian bongi - phoenix, AZ - friend** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ *Daryl we are so sorry to hear about Dave. I've been thinking of your poor mother. I know the pain she is feeling all to well. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers. We are at 1022 Cedar right behind Midtown mall. Please stop by any time. We Love You!*

---

**Rick and Sue Scott - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends of Daryl.** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Anita and family,  
I am thinking of you at this time, keeping you in prayer. Mom sends her love and sympathy as well. Your family touched ours more than you can imagine through the years back to the days at Bethany. May God bless you and keep all of you through this difficult time. Always and forever, The Phillips family

---

**Kathi Phillips - niagara, WI - family friend** - February 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Anita & family,  
Sincerest sympathy, Cherish the memories.

---

**Stan Jankowski & Sandy Jankowski Nearingarth - WI** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Anita and family,  
  
I was so sorry to hear about Dave. I will always remember the many practical jokes we played as kids, even eating the garlic before Jr. Choir practice at Emmanuel. Anita, you had to ask Dave and me to leave because the garlic smell was so bad! And the many sleep overs in Iron Mountain after you moved there, being roommates at NMU our freshman year, sharing letters while he was in the Navy, and his wonderful baritone singing voice. While we didn't get to see each other as often as I would have liked in later years, I will always cherish his and your family's friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love and Peace,  
Terry Langenberg

---

**Terry Langenberg - Marquette, MI - Friend** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Our hearts go out to all of you in the loss of David. I remember him since high school.. Always friendly and happy. Rest in Gods Peace David!  
In deepst love and Sympathy..Candy & Bill

---

**Candy Lauk & Bill Buchcuski - MI** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. The picture that you have posted is how I've always remember Dave. A flannel on and a big smirk. He always loved to joke and tease me as a kid. I was forever known as Tracy not Stacey. He had such a fun and outgoing personality and loved his family so much. The entire Ruohomaki family has been like my own so my heart aches with you right now. May God watch over your family during your mourning. I love you all!

---

**Stacey Weecks - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Dave..I met Dave through Brian Bongli when we were all in the Navy...Dave was a great guy and very good friend...we both retired from the U.S. Postal Service...after my health went down a few years ago, Dave would call me at the hospital and after I came home...Dave always kept us laughing and was the best ping-pong player...the news from Brian was so sad, but I know he's in a better place...I'll see you again, my friend..RIP Buddy!

---

**Ron Owen - Kilgore, TX - Friend** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Dear Anita and Family,  
So sorry to read of the loss of David. You have my sympathy.  
Kathie Peterson Hill

---

**Kathie Peterson Hill - Noblesville, IN - friend** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Dear Anita and family. We are so sorry for your loss. I remember the kids so well, babysitting all of them and parties at your house. Prayers and hugs to all of you. Rest in Peace David.

---

**Ginger LaRock - Iron River, MI - friend** - February 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM