



David Whittkopf

April 30, 1972 - October 21, 2011

David L. Whittkopf

David (Snuffy) Whittkopf

39, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, October 21, 2011. David was born on April 30, 1972 in Clio, Michigan. He moved to this area as a sophomore and graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1990. He went on to receive his certificate as a heavy equipment operator. David married the former Tracy Jacob on September 22, 2001 in Iron Mountain. He has worked for the City of Kingsford Public Works Department as a heavy equipment operator for the past nine years. David was a member of First Lutheran Church of Iron Mountain and U.P Whitetails Assoc. He was active as a coach for SAY Soccer and Kingsford Youth Wrestling. He loved to watch sports, especially his children's sporting events. David was an outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also an avid Green Bay Packer fan.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy in 2006.

David is survived by his wife, Tracy; four children, Ema, Erica and Eli Whittkopf and Jonathan Cronick; his sister, Dawn (Robert) Ranny of Tennessee; mother and father in law, Don (Pat) Jacob of Kingsford; sisters in law, Tammy (Andy) Wickman of Quinnesec and Tabitha (Mike) Stanchina of Norway; grandparents in law, Robert (Marlene) Dubnick of Kingsford. Special friends, Jeff (Tammy) Povolo of Kingsford and many special neighbors, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 10:00-12:00 noon at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Memorial services will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday at the Church. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family in his memory.

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

The family has entrusted the Tondin-Ross & Freeman Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

OC

“ Tracy & children,
Our prayers have been with you since we first read of Dave's passing. I remember him as a proud father bringing his kids to F L Sunday School & sitting with you and them in the church pew.... And the children always looked so cute and well behaved.
Our deep and heartfelt sympathy to all who loved and will miss him..
We continue to keep you in prayer.
May God's loving arms surround you and comfort you.
Orice and Harlan

Orice & HARlan Walters - iron Mountains, MI - Friend at First Lutheran Church -
November 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Rest in peace David. You will be missed by so many family and friends. Dawn, Tracey and family may you find in peace in knowing that he is with his mom in heaven. God is with all of you and will help you get through this difficult time. Your family is my thoughts and prayers. I love you.

Amy Collins-Dingeldein - Green Bay, WI - Cousin - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am sorry and shocked to hear of David's passing. I used to hang out with him as kids when he attended Ishpeming schools. As i remember him he was always smiling and was a kind hearted person. I am truly sorry for your loss and i will keep your family in my prayers.

Mike Vial - Ishpeming, MI - Old friend - October 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Dave, we will miss you! You will still be with us at every off road race, fishing and hunting trip, and yes, snowmobile party. I know you will still be there coaching the boys on the wrestling mats with us. Love ya Snuffy!!

Jeff and Tammy Povolo - Kingsford, MI - Friends - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ I will miss you snuffy, i remember the times id see you at camp having fun playing cards. On the wrestling mats, talking about wrestling and sports, hunting and fishing. Although i really didnt see you often you were always giving me advice about wrestling and helping me out with moves. I will try my best for you. You were a great guy and i will always remember you.

Harely Winters - Kingsford, MI - Coach/ friend - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Eli,
I feel really bad for you. And when we see each other I have a BIG hug for you. Hope to see you at school on Monday.
Your Friend,
Danny

Danny Weber - Kingsford, MI - Friend - October 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To my brother my heart is broken but May you rest in peace now and we will all have comfort knowing you are watching over us and your children. I know your with Mom and are in your mansion in heavenGod Bless You Brother....I Love you

Dawn and Bob Ranney - portland, TN - sister - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Dave was such a joy to be around wether it was at wrestling, soccer or football! He will be missed by many!! Eli, Jacob has been thinking about you lots the past few days, and he is here for you!

Rick and Alissa Cmejla - Kingsford, MI - Friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ You can shed tears that he is gone, or you can smile because he has lived. You can close your eyes and pray he will come back or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of love that you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday. You can remember him and only that he is gone or you can cherish his memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what he would want: Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.....

Kelley Delongchamp - Ishpeming, MI - friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I worked with David's Mom, Nancy...and although I never met David, I heard about him and his sister Dawn often. Nancy will welcome you with open, loving arms as she loved her children...RIP David.

Diane Haglund - Ishpeming, MI - Friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ R.I.P Cousin David, you will be greatly missed.

Lauren Denmark - Chicago, IL - Cousin - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry for you loss, you will be in our prayers. He will live in your heart forever.

Remember him as a teenage living across the street from us in Burton. Great family.

Margaret Osborn Helin - Lapeer, MI - friend of family - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dave you will be missed. We will miss teasing ya about being a Kevin Harvick fan and all the good times at moms for lunch during the summer. I know that you will watch over your wife and children and they will always love you. Until the day we all meet again we will have all the happy thoughts and memories of you. Love Mike and Tabitha

Michael and Tabitha Stanchina - Vulcan, MI - brother and sister in law - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ My family and I will miss you.

Lynsey Sydmark - Kingsford, MI - Neighbor/family friend - October 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Sorry for your loss of Dave. He will be deeply missed by all that knew him. Dave we will miss you at soccer, Mikayla will be reminded of you every time she gives the ball a hard kick. Rest in peace. God please help Tracy, Ema, Erica and Eli get through this difficult time.

Adam & DeAnna Ray - Kingsford, MI - Friend - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Dave will be missed by everyone who knew him. Whenever Jonathan was needing help in wrestling Dave was right there to tell him the next move. Jonathan and Kaitlyn will miss him dearly. Actually the whole wrestling club (especially the kids) will miss him making practices fun. Traci, Ema, Erika, and Eli you are in our thoughts and prayers. Dave we will miss you so much!

Heather, Jonathan, and Kaitlyn Schmutzler

Heather Schmutzler - Kingsford, MI - Friend - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our hearts go out to all of you. Dave was a great guy and I truly enjoyed coaching soccer with him. I know he was always very proud of his kids, as he spoke very highly of them every time we talked. Tracy, Ema, Erica, & Eli if there is anything we can do please let us know. Please know we are all praying for you.

Tracy, Sara, Derrick, & Bryce Horwitz

Sara Horwitz - Iron Mountain, MI - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Eli*
I am thinking about you and I feel so bad for you. It will be ok.

Cade Counter - Kingsford, MI - Eli's Friend - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *David will be sadly missed. I am sorry that I never got the chance to know the man that the boy I knew grew up to be. Your family continue to be in our prayers. I have always loved you big brother.*

Jennifer, Billy, Leonard & Sarah Belcher - princeton, WV - sister - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ We will miss our son. You are forever in our hearts.

Leonard & Karen Whittkopf - Gladwin, MI - father & mother-in-law - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ You will be missed.

Misty Whittkopf - Gladwin, MI - Sister - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ David I remember when you were little, I will miss that little boy and the a Man you become . I will miss him also there are no fighting or pain where you are at, only peace I Love you and will see you by and by A loving AuntX4B

Betty - Flint , MI - Aunt - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ ill miss you my little brother, love and god bless

kim casper, ashley & melissa - flat rock, MI - sister - October 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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