



Dean A. Gustafson

March 6, 1946 - December 7, 2024

Dean A. Gustafson, 78, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away Saturday, December 7, 2024, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Dean was born March 6, 1946 in Escanaba, MI, son of the late Alger and Vernell (Margison) Gustafson. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1965 and then enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Dean volunteered to serve two tours (1966 & 1967) with the First Marine Division during the Vietnam War, earning three battle stars. He was honorably discharged after four years and later joined the Michigan Army National Guard, 107th Combat Engineers. There he earned his commission as an officer, where he was recognized as Michigan's Junior Officer of the Year. He was honorably discharged after serving 15 years in several commands.

Dean worked as a self employed carpenter for many years and he and his father owned and operated Inger Teco in Norway. Dean married Judith Shwatal on April 22, 1990 in Iron Mountain. He was a member of the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50, The VFW Post 3674 and the Sons of the American Legion. Dean was a member of the Kiwanis Ski Club, on the US Ski Jumping Team, having won in Ishpeming, and enjoyed competing across the Midwest, Lake Placid and West. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing, especially in Republic, Michigan at Shady Rest (the

family camp located on the Michigamme River). He also loved sports, especially his Green Bay Packers. And he particularly enjoyed watching his grandsons compete in sports.

Dean is survived by his wife, Judith; children, Todd (Paige) Gustafson, Jason (Angela) Gustafson, Robert Doty and Dawn (Scott) Farragh; grandchildren, Will and Luke Gustafson, Devin, Kolton, Bradon & Mackenzie Farragh, Quinton Doty, Payton Thompson and Mallory Maracini; a great grandchild, Adalynn Farragh; and his best friend, Glen Olsen.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Maegan Doty.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 am on December 23, 2024 at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50 will conduct military honors.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dean Gustafson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Iron Mountain Cemetery Park
Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-1212

Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dean A. Gustafson.*



December 19, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of uncle Dean as a young girl growing up. I always remember his remarkable smile. Prayers for you all* ❤️

Michelle LaFave - December 14, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *Judy and family sorry for your loss prayers are sent by me Bob nordell*

Bob nordell - December 12, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ *Shared many good times with Dean as members of the Red Wing and Kiwanis ski clubs, and at deer camp. Also worked for Alger at Inger Teco one summer during college.*

Dean was an incredible kicker for the IMHS football team.

You couldn't find a friendlier person. It was a privilege to know him.

Lyle Boucher - December 11, 2024 at 05:15 AM