



Dennis McDonnell Fraker

January 11, 1947 - November 26, 2022

Dennis M. Fraker, 75, of Iron Mountain passed away on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022, at UP Health Systems Marquette.

He was born in Milwaukee, WI, on Jan. 11, 1947, son of the late Leon (Teenie) and Mary Rugean (McDonnell) Fraker. Dennis graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1965 and finished his Bachelor Degree from Northern Michigan University five years later. On July 14, 1973, he married the former Suzanne Thoreson.

Dennis was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, and began singing in the choir as a teenager. A very talented musician and actor, Dennis was involved in both the Community Chorus and Community Theater. He also sang with Rhythm Review and Peninsula Singers, and enjoyed participating in local variety shows. Dennis loved his community, and also served on the Iron Mountain School Board. In his free time he was an avid reader, loved to play cards, downhill ski, and enjoyed riding on his motorcycle. Dennis always greeted friends and family warmly, and was quick with a joke (usually a groaner, as he would call it).

Dennis will be deeply missed by his wife, Suzanne; 2 children, Emily (Matt) Brown of Temecula, CA and Ian (Natalie) Fraker of Fremont, MI; 4 grandchildren, Camryn, Charlotte, and Amelia Brown, and Nora Fraker: many

nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Dennis is preceded in death by a sister, Karyn Wahlstrom. Special thanks to Dennis' nieces, Jennifer Spreen and Kristin Novara for their care and support in his final days.

Visitation will be at First Presbyterian Church, 395 Hamilton Ave., from noon-2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, with Rev. Michael March officiating the Memorial Service at 2 p.m.

Condolences to the family of Dennis M. Fraker may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
395 Hamilton Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

VH

“ Sue, I am so sorry to hear this news. Dennis was so special. He had such talent and I have many memories of concerts, plays, church choir and one time having a ride on his motorcycle. God will welcome him and keep him safe. My memories of the UP will always have Dennis Fraker. Love and hugs to you and your family from Virginia Haycock in Tucson, AZ

Virginia A. Haycock - December 03, 2022 at 10:40 PM

KB

“ Janet and I want to send our sympathy and love to Sue, Ian, Emily and their families. As Dennis is laid to rest today, the Almighty is welcoming another soloist to the the heavenly choir. Kim

Kim Brown - December 03, 2022 at 07:53 AM

WZ

“ Dear Suzanne and family,
Dennis was a very good friend back in the day when we perform together with DCCT. Though it's been years since we've hung out in that arena, I will never forget the good memories of him and the crew... my sincere condolences.

Wendy Zambon - December 03, 2022 at 07:10 AM

JF

“ Sue, Emily and Ian
I am sorry for your loss. A good man! As a school board member he always treated me fairly. I loved his sense of humor. (Ian, I am sure he passed that along to you). My condolences and sympathy. I will be praying for all of you.
Jimmy Fornetti

Jim Fornetti - December 03, 2022 at 12:31 AM

CS

“ Suzanne and Family - My deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband/Dad, The girls in Norway shared this news with me, and I knew he had health issues. May the Good Lord comfort you and give you peace during this sad time. And, may the Good Lord bless all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Caeol Soxha - December 02, 2022 at 10:50 AM

FT

“ Suzanne, my deepest sorrow as I know exatly what you are going thru,Again, my deepest sorrow.

Frank Tehako - December 01, 2022 at 01:41 PM

OW

“ My sicere sympathy to Suzanne and family in the loss we feel with you of this great guy. He was indeed a community minded guy and made life a joy for everyone. When i was in my teens, his dad Leon often came into my Mom's Hob Nob Resturaunt for coffe and she must have gotten to know Dennis too. I recall her telling me in later years that Dennis helped her write a welcome speech she had to give at a convention down state. Just another one of his many talents! May the Lord wrap his arms around your family and friends as they grieve his presence among us. God's comforting love be with you. Keeping you in prayer.

Orice Theisen Walters



Orice Walters - November 30, 2022 at 09:10 PM

TN

“ I enjoyed being with Dennis in DCCT productions like *Guys And Dolls*, *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma* etc. He was a great actor and person missed by many

Tom Neuner - November 30, 2022 at 09:07 PM

RA

“ Suzanne I am so sorry about Dennis. I so used to enjoy visiting with you two and watching football together. May you find peace with Dennis's passing my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robert G Armstrong - November 30, 2022 at 05:48 PM

KB

“ One of my favorite memories of Dennis is Sue making pancakes for dinner one night and Dennis' job was to turn on appropriate pancake music while we ate...he comes into the kitchen and we hear: "DAY-O! We sing DAY-O! Daylight come and we wanna go home!" Great memories and a great man!

Kate Burie - November 30, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant *Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Dennis McDonnell Fraker.



November 30, 2022 at 04:52 PM

GB

“ Very sorry to hear that Dennis has passed. He was a great guy. RIP Dennis.

Gregg Ball - November 30, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dennis McDonnell Fraker.*



November 30, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Sue and the entire extended family. I will miss Dennis and remember fondly the times we had together in DCCT, Rhythm Review, and Peninsula Singers. Denise Smith (Miss Jones)*

Denise Smith - November 30, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *So sorry for the passing of Dennis ...he was a great asset to our community...always a personal greeting from him 🙏*

mariian hiatt - November 30, 2022 at 12:56 PM