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FOSTER CITY - DeWayne "Dewey" Carlson, 52, of Foster City, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at home with his family at his side.

He was born Oct. 14, 1951, in Sault Ste. Marie, son of Howard and Alice (Stenfors) Carlson. Dewey moved to Foster City with his family at a very young age and had been a lifelong resident. He graduated from Felch High School in 1969.

Dewey married Rita Gustafson on Nov. 13, 1971 at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. He and Rita owned and operated Carlson's Service and Towing in Foster City for the past 21 years.

He was very community minded and was a member of the Breen Township Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years, serving as fire chief for 15 years. He helped to organize the Breen Township Fun League and tri-township rescue van. Dewey also served on the Nordic Ambulance and the Dickinson County Sheriff's R300 rescue van. He was a member of the Fire Chief's Training Council, the National Rifleman's Association, the National Federation of Independent Business and the Michigan Retailers Association. Dewey had also served in the National Guard.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, working on his street rod and volunteering his time for the community. What he enjoyed most was spending time with his family and friends and especially his grandson, Alec.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; two children, Cheri (Rob) Challancin and their

son, Alec of Felch and Dan Carlson of Iron Mountain; his parents, Howard and Alice Carlson of Foster City; six brothers and sisters, Rodney (Debbie) Carlson of Foster City, Faye (Gary) Johnson of Felch, Jim (Erin) Carlson of Foster City, Gary (Anna) Carlson of Foster City, Gail (Brad) Gustafson of Felch and Jeff (Lisa) Carlson of Norway. He is also survived by his business partner and friend, Russell (Jill) Steinbrecher of Felch and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be held today from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home and on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Mission Covenant Church.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Rev. Lloyd Nelson will officiate. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be members of the Breen Township Fire Department: Kris Steinbrecher, Bill Lucas, Kevin, Cary and Justin Massie, Scott Raether, and Curt Dixon. One honorary pallbearer will be Erin Raether.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dewey Carlson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

BR

“ On behalf of the officers and firefighters of Brown City, Michigan our deepest sympathies at this difficult time. Your watch has ended Chief, we will take it from here. Gods blessings and may Chief Carlson rest in peace.

Brown City Area Fire Rescue - March 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ My deepest sympathy to Rita and family. God takes some people early because He wants them to be with Him. My prayers are with the family in their time of mourning.

Gretchen Muenster - March 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Rita and family,
So sorry for your lose. It was great to have grown up with Dewey and served with him on the fire dept. Playing baseball with Dewey in uncle Gilberts hay-field when we were growing up in FinnTown is one of my special memories.Dewey"s leadership in the community has shown his love for his fellow man. He will be missed by me and many others. God blessed all of us that knew him.

David Dixon - March 30, 2004 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Rita and family,
We are so sorry that we couldn't be there to
share some time with you and Dewey, but we were
glad to hear that you were surrounded and supported by family and
friends. Please know that you have been in our hearts and prayers
and we never gave up hope that Dewey would win this battle. Take
comfort in knowing that Dewey has
found Eternal Life with Our Savior and he can finally rest in his
arms.*

Darrell & Danette Hagman - March 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Our deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow, God bless you and
keep you and help you to be strong.*

Laverne & Lily Buzzo - March 29, 2004 at 12:00 AM