



## Don D. Angera

February 17, 1942 - May 9, 2021

Don D. Angera, 79, of Iron Mountain died on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at Dickinson County Healthcare System due to complications from Lewy Body Dementia with Parkinsonism after many years of coping with the illness.

He was born February 17, 1942 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Joseph and Tulia (Loia) Angera. Don graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1960 and has lived in the area most of his life. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Don graduated from Michigan Tech University in Houghton with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Don and Judy were married 1968 after he completed his military service. They moved to Saginaw, MI when he began working for General Motors in the Steering Gear Division as a quality control engineer. In 1973 he and Judy returned to Iron Mountain to join Joe and Tulia's family business, Loia Distributing. After his father's untimely death, Don and his sister Mary Jo became the co-owners and operators of Loia Distributing until its sale in 1986. After selling the family business, he worked at Ranger City Distributing until he retired. Given how much he enjoyed his interactions with customers and co-workers he continued working part-time for Smith Metal Structures and Bloom Wholesale into retirement.

He was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford, the

American Legion Post 50 and the Northland Beagle Club. Don was also involved as an original member of the Dickinson Area Hockey Association and the Mountain View Ice Arena and was instrumental in the construction of the arena. Don was very involved in Cursillo and Youth Encounter activities.

Don enjoyed many outdoor activities with Judy, including camping, kayaking, bicycling, and cross-country skiing. He loved visiting with friends and family and often said his hobby was 'being with people'. He was forever a proud 'Italian Yooper' enjoying all the beauty and serenity that the Upper Peninsula offered.

Don always believed in service for others volunteering as a Eucharistic Minister at his church, as a Big Brother for the Big Brother/Big Sister program, serving at various homeless shelters in Milwaukee, assisting with Habitat for Humanity, volunteering with disabled veterans at the VA, and serving as a hospice volunteer.

Don is survived by his wife and best friend of 52 years, Judy; two children, Jeff (Laura) Angera of Mt. Pleasant, MI and Carissa (Don) Mahoney of Knoxville, TN; five grandchildren Isaac, Jacob, Rena, Tulia, Domenic; and members of a very supportive extended family - Ted (Mary) Fornetti, Tony (Darlene) Fornetti, Tish (Don) Guintier, John (Terese) Fornetti and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jo Angera.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 until 10:30 am on Thursday, May 13 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, May 14 at Cemetery

Park in Iron Mountain. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct the military honors.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's memory may be made to Bay West College,

or

Light at the Inn Shelter  
120 Odill Drive  
Norway, MI 49870.

Condolences to the family of Don Angera may be expressed online at [www.erickson-rochon-nash.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nash.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

MAY 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Graveside Service

MAY 14. 9:00 AM (CT)

Cemetery Park  
101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Lamento saber de la muerte de Don Angera; seguramente el padre de Don , era pariente de mi abuelo Vincenzo Constante Angera nacido en Borgomasino, Valle de Aosta, Turin , Italia.  
Mis respetos a su familia.  
Daniel W. Angera . Argentina  
danielangera@gmail.com*

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**Daniel Angera** - July 06, 2025 at 12:46 AM

TO

“ *Don was my boss @ Ranger City in the mid 1990's. His calm cheerfulness was a great inspiration to me as a young man. During difficult situations in my life, I have tried to copy his smile and demeanor, to this very day. May he, through the infinite mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*Timothy M Ostermann*

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**Timothy M Ostermann** - March 28, 2024 at 11:34 AM

DA

*Hola : Mi nombre es Daniel Angera, vivo en Mar del Plata, Argentina. Me gustaría saber más sobre tú amigo Don Angera; te cuento: Mi abuelo Vincenzo Angera , tenía un hermano que emigró a Estados Unidos de Norte América; me pregunto si DON no sería familiar de mí tío abuelo . Sí x favor fueras tan amable de contactarte con la esposa de Don para preguntarle. Mi correo electrónico es :  
danielangera@gmail.com*

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**Daniel Angera** - March 04, 2025 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ Sorry to hear about Don. I remember Don's dad and my dad taking us trout fishing. As we got older hunting rabbits with the gang. The parties at the camp near Norway Lake. I will miss you my friend. RIP

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**JAMES BROSIO** - May 23, 2021 at 01:48 PM

DA

*Hola Sr ; Mí nombre es Daniel Angera. Vivo en Mar del Plata Argentina. Le escribo ya que leí en un comentario del abituario de DON ANGERA , que su padre y el padre de DON eran amigos. Mí pregunta a usted es si sabe de que parte de ITALIA eran los antepasados de DON; ya que un tío abuelo mío de nombre Tomas emigró a ESTADOS UNIDOS. Si tuviera alguna información, x favor escríbame al correo electrónico: danielangera@gmail.com*

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**Daniel Angera** - March 04, 2025 at 02:20 PM

RG

“ Dear Judy and Family,

*We are so sorry to hear about Don. Growing up on the Northside the Italian families all knew each other well. He was one of the nicest persons we all knew. We are so sorry for your loss. Our sympathy to you all.*

*Rod and Cynthia (Corsi) Gordon*

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**Rod and Cynthia Gordon** - May 13, 2021 at 02:57 PM

NA

“ After Don & I graduated from college we got our invitations to serve out our Country. We were both drafted into the US Army. We were sent to Fort Polk LA for our infantry basic training. It was great to have a friend by my side. After BT we went to different assignments Our condolences to your family.

Neil & Jan Anderson

Neil Anderson - May 12, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Judy I'm so sorry. Hugs miss you. I had the privilege of taking care of him he was such a sweet heart.

Jennifer Goudreau-Cheney - May 12, 2021 at 06:56 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Don D. Angera.



May 11, 2021 at 10:38 PM

SP

“ Judy and family my Deepest Sympathy to to all of you. Cousin to my husband Rudy Piatti. May Don Rest In Peace with mom and sister



susan Piatti - May 11, 2021 at 04:34 PM

BG

“ *Brian Gillette purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don D. Angera.*



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**Brian Gillette** - May 11, 2021 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ *Being a fellow northsider and classmate we always knew him as Putzer. Our condolences to the family.*  
*Jim and Barbara Corsi*

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**Jim Corsi** - May 11, 2021 at 01:50 PM

NE

“ *Don (we knew him as “Putzer” during our high school/college yrs) was a good friend & college roommate. We enjoyed many fun & good times together. I have many fond memories & miss him. Judy & family are in our prayers.*  
*Nick & Carol Eutizzi*

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**Nick & Carol Eutizzi** - May 11, 2021 at 01:02 PM

OW

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Angera and Fornetti family. I knew Don's parents and Mary jo quite well having grown up close to the Loia Store and their distributing of Bosch beer. I recall Tulia as being very nice to this little girl who stopped there often as she walked home from Amidon School. May your faith and love of the Lord be your comfort as you miss this kind and gentle man. Keeping you in prayer.*  
*Orice Theisen Walters*



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**Orice Walters** - May 10, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Don D. Angera.*



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May 10, 2021 at 06:24 PM