



## Donald Gardiepy

March 1, 2003

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KINGSFORD - Donald "Guppy" Gardiepy, 44, of 920 Cypress Road, St. Augustine, Fla., formerly of Kingsford, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Saturday, March 1, 2003, in St. Augustine.

Don was born Oct. 19, 1958, in Iron Mountain, son of Marie Hicks and the late Donald Gardiepy. He was a lifelong resident of the area until 1998 when he moved to Florida. He served in the U.S. Army from 1975 to 1977. Don loved music, cooking and took great pride in his art work. He was known for his great sense of humor.

He is survived by his mother, Marie Hicks of Aurora, Wis.; three sons, Jeffrey, Jason and Zackury; stepmother, Kay Gardiepy of Iron Mountain; stepfather, Dale Hicks of Kingsford; three brothers, Brian LaVigne of Felch, Steve (Pam) LaVigne of Appleton, Wis., and Scott LaVigne of Phoenix, Ariz.; three sisters, Brenda (Joe) Mlinar of Appleton, Wis., Tiana Rosenfeldt of Appleton, Wis., and Twyla Zeman of Iron Mountain; nine nieces and nephews, Brandon Zeman, Kristofer and Kalyn Mlinar, Sunnie LaVigne, Riley and Mitchell Rosenfeldt, and Sara, Anna and Nicholas LaVigne, and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends including a special friend, Connie Sullivan.

Don was preceded in death by his father, Donald Gardiepy, and stepfather, Peter LaVigne.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Kingsford Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Fr.

Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the Gardiepy family online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Kingsford Funeral Home to handle the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ It seems just yesterday when Jane and i ran down the hill to find MaGoo and Gup there on the ground. I remember how my heart raced then...and I can tell you that my heart is racing now, and my heart is rejoicing for Donnie...his misery here is done and he's in a far better place. The terrible part is that I don't know how I'll ever finish my life without seeing his face, hearing his laughter, or feeling those strong arms about me when he hugs me hello or goodbye. His sweetness I shall miss all the days of my life. My prayers are with all of you. Dan sends his regards to Brandon as well. I'm so sorry I could not attend due to my illness. I hope the flowers were nice though. God Bless you Marie. Hugs to all, Wendy

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**Wendy Welty** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful person. Guppy always wore a smile along with his bandana, that's something I'll never forget, and that he had such a funny sence of humor. It's truly a sad time. My prayers go out to his family, God Bless you all.

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**Mary (Schultz) Burgess** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ I haven't seen Guppy for many years, however, he always had a nice smile and wonderful sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers to all of his family. God Bless.

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**Tracy Coppens** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I haven't seen Guppy in years, But everytime I did see him back in Iron Mountain,He always had a big hug & hello for me. My thoughts & prayers are w/ his family, how sad to lose such a young man. God bless*

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**Carrie Jo (Nelson) Mellinger** - March 17, 2003 at 12:00 AM