



## Donn G. Edwards

July 29, 1951 - March 21, 2025

Donn Gordon "Donny" Edwards, of Kingsford, MI, passed away unexpectedly surrounded by his family on Friday, March 21, 2025 at St Vincent hospital in Green Bay.

He was born July 29th, 1951 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Wesley Thomas Edwards and Lenore (Kleiman) Edwards. Donny graduated from Florence High School in 1969 and was drafted into the United States Army. After his service Donny moved back to the area to join the family business Edwards Automotive.

Donny married Kathy Knudsen on March 8th, 1975, just recently celebrating their 50th anniversary. Donny and Kathy built their home in Kingsford Heights and started their family welcoming three children.

Donny enjoyed the freedom of the open road and spent countless hours riding motorcycles, atvs, boating, and camping. He was happiest on his bike feeling the wind and sun on his face. Donny also loved sports. He was an avid fan of the Flivvers, Wolverines, and the Packers. He was a committed golfer as well, and invested time trying to improve his game. He was very proud to share that he had a "hole-in-one" on each par three at Pine Grove Country Club! Most of all he enjoyed watching his grandchildren strive for success on the athletic field and musical stage. His grandchildren will remember his presence and

support as their "Papa", and also as a father figure to his granddaughter Madelyn.

Donny is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathy Edwards, of Kingsford; daughter, Kary Edwards and her daughter Madelyn Edwards of Kingsford; son, Joshua (Samantha) Edwards and their children Owen, Avery, Estella, and Alec Edwards of Kingsford; brothers, Dale (Rose) Edwards of Iron Mountain, Dan Edwards of Iron Mountain, and Jeff (Miriam) Edwards of Iron Mountain; sisters, Jean (Joseph) Panek of Aurora and Julie (Bruce) Ekstrand of Mesa, AZ; sister-in-law, Laura Broderson of Iron Mountain; brother-in-law, Jon (Wendy) Knudsen of Iron Mountain; several special nieces and nephews; and numerous friends, especially his furry best buddy, Marley.

Donny was preceded in death by his youngest son, Jacob Edwards; parents, Tom and Lu Edwards; and his younger sister, Jody Edwards.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 1, 2025 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A short service will follow at 6:00pm at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family who will donate all gifts to the "Flivver Field Legacy Project" and the construction of the new athletic field and track in Donn's Memory.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Service

APR 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
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# Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dear Kathy and Family,  
I am so sorry for your unexpected loss! It was just St. Patrick's Day when we saw you and Donn at the Chuckwagon. My deepest condolences. I was out of town for his memorial service but have kept you and the family in my thoughts and prayers over the last few days. I will light a candle at my church in memory of Donn and for you and your family. With sympathy, Pam (Felts) Maule

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**Pam Maule** - April 06, 2025 at 04:49 PM

DM

“ Kathy and family, I'm very sorry for your loss.  
Rest peacefully Donny.



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**Diane Schirk McKinnon** - April 04, 2025 at 12:27 PM

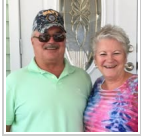
PB

“ Kathy and family. Was very sad to hear of the unexpected passing of Donn. Played many rounds of golf with Donn, Jack Hooper and "Mook" Maule. Will never forget the par that Donn made on number 4 at Pine Grove after hitting his tee shot to the left of the tee box behind the fence. He may be the only golfer to have a hole in one on every par 3 at Pine Grove. My condolences to the family and the grand kids. Donny was a great man and will be missed by us all.  
Sincerely.

*Paul Bujold*

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**Paul Bujold** - April 01, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ Kathy, condolences to you and your family at the sudden passing of Donn. He was a life-long friend and a great man. I have many fond memories of our time growing up in Aurora. Marcia and I are in Florida and will not be able to attend the memorial service. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

*Rodger and Marcia Melin*

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**Rodger Melin** - March 31, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ I went to school with Don and played sports with him. He was a nice guy. I am so sorry for your loss. Allan Weber

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**Sharon Weber** - March 26, 2025 at 01:13 PM



“ Heartfelt Condolences to the Donn Edwards Family! Am so sorry for your loss!💙  
*Donna Mannigel*

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**Donna Mannigel** - March 25, 2025 at 06:57 PM



“ I met Don Edwards like 15 year's & I'm glad to have known him as He was a down to earth guy and he will be missed by many. My condolence's to the entire Edward's family. Al Winqvist

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**Alan Winqvist** - March 25, 2025 at 02:29 PM

SD

“ Working for the family business for many years, I was privileged to know the brothers and their families. Donn hired me and was so kind and patient training me.

When cell phones first came out Donn was totally against them. " I don't want everyone calling me all the time" was his rant. It wasn't too long when he called the office to give me his cell phone number. He told me he got it for me so I could contact him while he was on the golf course! Wednesdays weren't enough golf time!

Donn loved his family and was proud of his grandchildren. I am so sorry for your loss, keep those wonderful memories in your hearts.

Sue Van Dusen

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**Sue Van Dusen** - March 25, 2025 at 11:44 AM

TC

“ So sad to hear of Donn's unexpected passing. I truly enjoyed his quiet ways and his wry smile when he hit a nice golf shot or had a good gin rummy hand at Sundog.

I know he will be missed greatly by many many friends and his loving family.

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this sad time.

Unfortunately Michelle and I will be out of town for the memorial service but we will keep him in our memories always

Toby and Michelle Carlson

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**Toby Carlson** - March 24, 2025 at 05:13 PM