



## Duane Ivey

March 31, 1979 - March 31, 2003

"Duane Ivey"

IRON MOUNTAIN - Duane A. Ivey, 24, of Holland, lower Michigan, died Monday, March 31, 2003, at his home.

He was born June 21, 1978, in Escanaba, son of Leonard and the late Kathryn (Peterson) Ivey. He graduated from North Dickinson High School class of 1996. While in high school he participated in football, basketball and track. Duane attended Michigan Technological University and graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. He worked as a quality manager for the Magna Donnelly Corp. in Holland since graduation. Duane was an avid golfer and loved fishing, skiing and playing baseball.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Kathryn, and a brother, Derrick.

Duane liked people and was blessed with many friends.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Leonard and Susan (Feak) Ivey of Channing; a sister, Denise Ivey of Channing; very special friends, Rose and Dave Kinderman of Holland, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in Channing Cemetery.

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

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of

Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ To the Ivey family,

*I just recieved my MTU Alumni newsletter, and was shocked to see Duane's name where it lied. I met him my freshmen year at MTU, and spent many wonderful years thereafter as a friend to Duane. He was a wonderful person. He always put a smile on my face. I'm so glad I got to know him. Please accept my condolences, and comfort.*

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**Meagan Roe** - November 21, 2003 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Dear Ivey Family - My thoughts and prayers go out to you in this difficult time. I met before my freshman year at MTU. He helped me schedule my classes and continued helping me all the way through our years together as chem eng's. He was such a selfless person and would drop anything to help a friend. He drove me home for holidays on many occasions. We shared a lot of smiles, laughs and good times. Duane introduced me to my soon to be husband and was going to be in our wedding in few months. He and his joyous nature will be greatly missed and never forgotten. God Bless you.

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**Erica Cousineau** - April 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ Now that Duane's funeral and visitation are over, I can imagine that you folks are just barely recovering from the shock. Gail and I want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers daily. Our church has a prayer group that meets every Wednesday, and I put the Leonard Ivey family on the list today. We are praying for your healing--not in our time, but in God's time. Our love and prayers, Ralph and Gail

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**Ralph & Gail Valine** - April 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Ivey Family - I'm never sure what to say when we lose a loved one, my deepest condolences to you in this time of suffering. I lived with Duane for a year at Tech and must say that he was a GREAT person and friend. Very outgoing and always willing to help a friend in need, he very rarely put his own needs first. Sitting here remembering him I can recall all the great times we shared. He will always be in my memory, loved and missed.  
Rob Schafer

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**Rob Schafer** - April 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Ivey Family-I was fortunate enough to attend Michigan Tech with Duane. His smile could light up a room. He was always smiling and laughing and telling stories and jokes. He was a fantastic person and would have done anything for his friends. I'll always remember him as one of our biggest fans of the volleyball team, and a good friend. My heart goes out to your family. You are in my prayers.

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**Jessica Kiefer** - April 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ivey,  
We are the parents of Brian Marczak, a good friend of Duane's. In fact, Duane recently attended our son's bachelor party in Las Vegas and was going to be in our son's wedding in June. He introduced Brian to his wife to be.  
We spent time with Duane when he was going to Michigan Tech and we would visit with our son, one of Duane's roommates. He was always full of life and always planning activities for the rest of the guys. In fact, he was working on organizing a golf outing for the guys when they all came to Iron Mountain for the wedding. He was always well mannered and polite and full of energy. We were so shocked and saddened to hear the news. Our prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Sue and Peter Marczak

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**Sue Marczak** - April 06, 2003 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ To the family of Duane, Just wanted to say that at 12:00 pm, on April 4, 2003, the friends/co-workers of Duane held a prayer memoiral to remember a friend/co-worker who will be missed immensely. Our prayers go out to you and everyone else who helped bring Duane to our family here at Magna Donnelly. We hope and pray that as time passes, we will still remember Duane for the person he was--someone we grew to enjoy to have around and laugh with. Duane will always be in our hearts and memories. God Bless. Friends & Co-workers, Magna Donnelly, JFD-N, Holland, MI.

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**Friends & Co-Workers at JFD-N Magna Donnelly** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ To the family of Duane Ivey- I first met Duane a few years back while attending Michigan Tech. In the years of talking and hanging out that followed, Duane left some very strong impressions upon me. He was always personable, outgoing, quick with wit, and quick with a smile. His memory will always be cherished. May God comfort you now in your time of need. Josh Pudelko

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**Josh Pudelko** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *Expressing our heartfelt sympathy!*

*We will miss Duane and his laughter.*

*He will be missed when we take our road trips this summer.*

*He will be missed, but he will not soon be forgotten.*

*From his friends in Holland*

*Fred,  
Jack and Cindy,  
Jake,  
Ralph,  
Gale,  
Pete and Linda,  
Jim,  
Craig,  
Vivian,  
Ken and MaryAnn,  
Amanda,  
Melissa,  
Stephanie,  
Samuel,  
Mitchell,  
Rick and Paula,  
Steve and Karen,  
Ken and Tracey*

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**Friends of Duane** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ To the Family of Duane Ivey,  
We wish to express our deepest sympathy to your family. Duane seemed to have such a bright future and it's impossible to understand his loss. My son , Dennis worked with Duane and he and Rose went to the house on Monday afternoon. Needless to say, this has devastated all of us. My husband golfed with Duane several times and was very impressed with what a fine young man he was. Again, please accept our sympathy and prayers.

*Gloria and Bill Hardy*

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**Gloria and Bill Hardy** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TV

“ There are no words to express the sadness over such a great loss. Duane was much more than a friend to many he was part of there family. I remember when Duane started at Magna Donnelly as an intern. I don't think there was a sport we didn't play . He was my golf partner on the league and a regular on our yearly trip to Gaylord for golf.I know I learned a lot from Duane and hope I can do as good a job of raising my son as well.Duane will always be in our heart and in our prayers.May God bless you always Tom,Holly,Aj,Katie

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**Tom & Holly Vonlms** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Dear Family of Duane, I had the privilege of knowing your dear Duane for only a short time. While visiting a very close friend's home and Donnelly employee, in came Duane one day, full of energy and strong opinions. Could not help but love him right away. A serious and prepared debater was he. Had a lot a questions for me on how he might make the best financial decisions for his future and for his family. This was remarkable as most his age are consumed with the present and with themselves. Seeking counsel of an elder is a sign of wisdom, which I believe Duane possessed.

I was able to spend a few moments with him on Saturday as a few of us attended a rally for our soldiers at a local park and then off for a cup of coffee. Duane excitedly showed me the new gadgets on his cell phone and convinced me that I must upgrade. A few pleasant time with a gentleman. A very, very good memory to have and to keep.

My heart goes out to you during this most greivous time and my prayers are will you.

Jim Lorence  
Holland, MI

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James Lorence - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Ivey and Denise: Please accept my heartfelt condolences at your loss. It still seems unreal to me that he is gone. I am just one of many co-workers of Duane's that will miss him terribly. We will miss his cocky attitude, his commentaries on "80's" fashion (especially shoes-you know he HATED feet!), and his temper tantrums when he hit less than a perfect shot on the golf course. We will also miss his energy, his quick wit (although juvenile at times), and his genuine compassion for others. He may be gone but he will not be forgotten. God Bless.*

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**Roberta Johnson** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I send my deepest and heart felt sympathies to the family of Duane. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. I was not a close friend of Duane's, however I had the good fortune to work with him at Magna-Donnelly. Duane had put a sheet of paper outside his office, that stated (those who say they can't, should get out of the way for those who are getting it done!). Duane showed this everyday as he was unstoppable in everything he was involved in. Duane's intellectual approach to problem solving, set the example for all to learn from. I can not speak for others, but only for myself in the matter of how he got things accomplished so efficiently and quickly. Duane was selfless with his knowledge which was shown on several occasions here in the Metrology lab, both with internal and external customers. Duane's willingness and expediency saved much frustration in the quality field here at Magna-Donnelly.

*James Mc Nutt  
Metrology Specialist  
MagnaDonnelly  
Holland Windows North  
Phone (616) 786-7816*

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**James Mc Nutt** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I would like this to go to the family of Duane Ivey. I was one of Duane's Chemical Engineering professors at MTU for several years. I am very sad and shocked. Please give my condolences to his family. Duane was a GREAT person and the world (and I) will miss him.

*Julia A. King  
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**Julie King** - April 04, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Mr. and Mrs. Ivey and Denise: It is with sadness that we read of Duane's death. We both remember him from school, but more importantly as a friend of our son Alan. He was a very personable and intelligent young man, who contributed many times to the school community and to those of us who were privileged to know him in other roles. Our condolences to all of you. Please know that many of us grieve with you. God bless each of you with strength and peace.

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**Tom and Elouise Rossler** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. This has been very difficult for many of us here at Magna Donnelly. I was Duane's staff assistant and was privileged to work with him. He was a warm, caring, and funny young man who never failed to go out of his way to say something pleasant to brighten my day. I will never forget him. May God help us all through this terrible tragedy.

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**Pat Weber** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Mr. and Mrs. Ivey and family - The first time I met Duane was in high school during my junior (and his senior) year track season. We both ran the 400, and though I was from a rival school, we had fun conversations and cheered each other on. Two years later then, I met Duane again at Michigan Tech, and that's where we really became friends. Duane was a part of so many of my good memories from college. He could always bring laughter and cheer to a conversation and would always put a smile on my face - even when we was making a special point to tell me North Dickinson beat Rapid River in football. Duane and I went our seperate ways upon leaving college, but a part of me feels empty now knowing he is gone. I am half expecting to see an e-mail from him pop up any day. This is very hard to take and will take some time to sink in. Good friends don't come every day, and he was a very good friend to me. My heart goes out to you and your family in this time of sadness. Duane was a wonderful person who will be greatly missed by many.

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**Stacey (Boyer) Pomeroy** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ Len, Sue & family,  
I was so saddened to hear about Duane, I really enjoyed the times I worked with Duane as he was definitely a very bright young man, and an all around nice person, We will all miss him dearly. You will all be in our prayers. God bless you all.

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**Matt Neumann** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ Ivey Family, I was in disbelief Tuesday when I heard about my great friend Duane. I briefly met Duane while in Highschool through track, I attended Kingsford High. I lived on the same floor as Duane during our Freshman year at Mich Tech, and we grew to be great friends. Throughout my two years at school with Duane we shared many good times and a ton of laughs, playing golf and basketball. I now live in Virginia and the last time I saw Duane it was if we were still great friends at school. I will miss him, as many people will. God bless your family.  
Regards - Josh

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**Joshua Edwards** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Ivey Family members: I only met Duane last year here in Holland, MI. He was a blast!!! Funny, charming, outgoing, a riot to be with and a most excellent pool player. We ran in the same circle of friends and we all truly cared a great deal for him. I am a Realtor and although I did not know him at the time he purchased his home, he loved to tell all about it as he was most proud of his purchase. We will miss Duane, he will be remembered so fondly and I will pray for you to ease the pain of your loss. You have my sincere sympathy and God Bless you.

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**Deb Meurer** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ I am so sad to hear about Duane. I was in the same class as Duane at MTU. During the beginning of the summer of 2000 he helped me with my graduate research before he left for work. He was always friendly and really helped me to figure out how to run the experiments I was suppose to run. I am just shocked to hear the news, and I offer you my deepest sympathy.

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**K. Torrey** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Ivey Family - May God bless your family with an abundance of grace in this time of need. I first met Duane as a freshman at Tech. I was Duane's most recent roommate in Holland. I enjoyed every minute I spent with Duane. He was a wonderful friend and a wonderful young man. He will be missed and thought of often. I pray for him, and all of you, every day. God Bless. Travis

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**Travis Underhill** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ Ivey family, we were co-workers of Duane and he was a great guy. Please except our deepest sympathy through this difficult time. God Bless, Keith & Deb

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**Keith Cogar & Deb Otto** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *Mr and Mrs Ivey and Denise. Please expect our condolence's. I worked with Duane over the last three years at Magna Donnelly. I will remember Duane as a friendly and caring person, a joker as well, as we passed jokes back and forth, many times. I will always keep close our trips to St. Louis, to play golf and the fun we had. The Saturday morning golf outings, and the Monday morning jokes about my game. I am proud to have known him and he will be missed.*

*We will keep him in our prayers. May God Bless you and your family in this time of sadness.*

*John and Mary Ann Whipple*

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**John Whipple** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *To the Ivey Family- My deepest sympathy. I met Duane at Michigan Tech. He was such a fun, caring, and sincere person. We spent many hours together studying and he always added a lot of fun, especially to our senior lab group! May God be with you during this difficult time. My prayers are with you.*

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**Renee Kole** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ I met Duane at Donnelly when he first came to work for the corporation. Being one of the youngest people there I instantly developed a friendship with him, letting him know the places that people "our age" hung out. After that I saw him all the time out of work and he became a very good friend. We always had a laugh together. He would always make a point to say Hi to me at work. His smile was always appreciated and will be missed. Duane touched my life and the lives of so many others. I will never forget this wonderful, bright, witty person. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. May time heal your pain and mine too. With all my love and support. Melissa

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**Melissa Brownlee** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Mr. and Mrs. Ivey and Denise: We are sending this message to express our deepest sympathy and to let you know that you are in our prayers. We came to know Duane as a friend of our son, Mike Degnan. He was at our home many times and was such a great kid. We were so happy that Duane was in Mike's circle of friends. He was always courteous, polite, and fun to be around. Duane was a gentleman. He never missed an opportunity to come up and talk whenever he saw us, especially at football games. We know that he is home in heaven. God Bless.

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**John & Nancy Degnan** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ To: Duane's family

*We are so very sorry for your lose. I met Duane when he was in high school. I was the Mom standing at the finish line of my daughter's race. He was there too watching his team mates. We started to talk and from that day on, every track meet, football game, basketball game, we would talk. He ALWAYS would said hi! And then 2 years later when my daughter started college, she called me and said "Mom, guess who I met today, Duane Ivey!" From then on they were good friends. He came to watch the Rockets down state for girls basketball, he painted his chest for Stacey's sisters! He came to support Stacey when she was downstate playing volleyball for Tech. He always went out of his way for his friends. We also shared the same birthday. That made him extra special to me.=) He was just a nice young man. I hope it comforts you knowing what a wonderful son and brother you had. He is going to be missed.*

*With our deepest sympathy!  
Steve and Sharon Boyer*

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**Sharon Boyer** - April 03, 2003 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My heart sank to my stomach when I heard the news. I met Duane at Michigan Tech, and we spent a lot of time hanging out together and studying for exams. Duane was always cracking a joke about something and was just a great friend all around. I went through all my college pictures last night, and in everyone he had a smile on his face. He had a lot of friends that really cared for and loved him for who he was, and he will be deeply missed by too many to count. I will pray for strength for your family to get through this difficult time. I will miss him greatly. May God be with you.*

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**Suzy Betker (Webster)** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Ivey and Denise:*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I had the good fortune to go to school with Duane for seven years and will always remember his sense of humor above all else. He had the uncanny ability to make anyone laugh anytime. I will always remember the time I spent with Duane in basketball and when he traveled with us for football. I am honored to have known your son and will keep Duane and your family in my prayers. God Bless.*

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**Alan Rossler** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *He was a very special person and will be GREATLY be missed! May God be with the family in their special time of need. He was a hard working individual with a kind heart. GOD BLESS from holland michigan.*

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**Kim B** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *I was saddened to read about Duane. I had the fortune to know this fine young man when he was a student of mine at North Dickinson H. S. When he was a middle school student, I worked with him in developing his skills in cross country skiing. He was a very dedicated competitor. He had an outstanding academic record and I enjoyed helping him make plans for college. But most of all, his character and personality enabled him to have many friends who respected him. I will keep him in my prayers. I was very proud of him. May God bless your family.*

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**Ken Lindstrom** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Mr and Mrs Ivey,  
Words can't express how saddened I am to hear this news, Duane was loved by many people, myself being one of them. He was one of my best friends in school and continued to be afterwards. I know this is a very difficult time for his family, but I hope you can find some comfort in knowing your son Duane will always have a place in my and many others hearts, we are all lucky and blessed to have known such a special person.  
God Bless, Dan*

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**Dan Carlson** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Ivey family - I heard the news late last night. I remember meeting Duane for the first time our senior year of high school. I had just moved up to the U.P and didn't know a person. Duane was one of the first people I met. Duane treated me like he had known me since we were kids.  
Duane was such an outgoing person and always wanted to help everyone. Duane was a great friend and will always be someone I will never forget. I will keep all of you in my prayers. God bless you.*

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**Mike Degnan** - April 02, 2003 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ Lennie, Sue and Denise -

*We just heard the news from Karen and all of us here in Maryland are so sorry to hear this news. Please know that our prayers are with you all. If it is any comfort, I felt Grandma Tootsie with me today while I was at church and I felt I needed to say a prayer for Duane. When I got home, I had a message from Karen and called her to find out the news. I do hope that is of some comfort because I think Grandma was trying to let me know that Duane was with her. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are thinking of you and we love you.*

*May God comfort you in this time of sadness.  
May His peace be with you.*

*God bless, and all my love,*

*Vicky*

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**Victoria Waldron Lopez** - April 01, 2003 at 12:00 AM