



Duane Michael Olson

August 30, 1955 - February 21, 2025

Duane Michael Olson, 69, of Kingsford, formerly of Randville, was called Home on Friday, February 21, 2025. He passed away at Hatley Health Care in Clanton, Alabama.

He was born August 30, 1955, in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Delphin and Verona (Blazier) Olson. He was a graduate of North Dickinson High School, Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, and Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. Duane worked various jobs in the local area in his early adult years. From 1978 through 1986 he was employed as a U.S. National Park Ranger, working for the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, at Badlands National Park in South Dakota. After returning home to Randville to help meet medical problems his parents were facing, Duane worked at a local pet store, a local pizza place, and at Wal-Mart over the years.

He was very involved in photography and liked to read (especially his Bible and works on U.S. history). Another interest for much of his life was the study of coins (numismatics), for the sake of the art and the history. He also liked to travel and visit beautiful and historic places, primarily the national parks.

Duane was a long-time admirer of Texas A&M University. He loved the school and the Corps of Cadets and was deeply appreciative of the rich history and

traditions of that campus. Duane truly "bled maroon", was an Aggie at heart. He was able to walk the campus and the Quad more than once. Gig 'em, Ags!

Duane attended the Randville Bible Church for many years, the Family Baptist Church of Kingsford and the Bell Lane Baptist in Clanton, AL. He was a life member of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. He was also very happy to be a member of the Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association.

He leaves his sister, Vicky (Ed) Patterson of Clanton, Alabama; two nieces, Dawn Horton of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and Marie (David) Curtis of La Grange, Georgia; three great-nieces, Rebecca (Daniel) Chujko, Christiane Curtis, and Grace Curtis; two great-nephews, Stephen (Mackenzie) Curtis and John (Sarah) Curtis; two great-great nieces, Keira and Sabrina Chujko. He also leaves many cousins, his Wal-Mart family and friends.

Duane considered it a real privilege to serve as caregiver for his dad and for his mom for over two decades (1987 through 2013) and was tremendously grateful to God for the opportunity to do so. In addition to his loving parents, he was preceded in death by the one grandparent he knew (Carrie Blazier Graves), all of his aunts and uncles, and many cousins and friends.

Visitation will be Friday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 pm at the funeral home. Pastor Kevin Sullivan will officiate. Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Duane's memory to the Family Baptist Church, 1001 S. Hemlock St., Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Condolences to the family of Duane Michael Olson may be expressed online

at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.
Channing, MI 49815

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ I wish I could have talked to you one last time before you went to the lord. I loved working with you at “the pizza place” in the 80s and our brief encounter later. You loved deeply...

Doug E - June 07, 2025 at 09:19 PM



“ I always enjoyed talking with him at Walmart. He was a very nice man.

Adam Hayes - June 06, 2025 at 04:35 PM

VP

“ We would like to say thank you to anyone who came to Duane's funeral or sent a gift or card or posted a memory that I don't have your address to personally thank you. I miss him everyday but know we'll get to see him again someday. Thank you and God Bless all of you. Vicky and Ed Patterson

Vicky Patterson - March 06, 2025 at 09:35 PM

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“ I remember riding the bus with Duane. So nice and gentle of a personality. Then running into him as a greeter at Walmart. Still a wonderful and gentle soul!!! I knew about his mom and dad passing and we talked for a long time about that. The good Lord got a good one here. May him and his mom and dad rest in everlasting peace. Allen Sexton

allen c sexton - March 02, 2025 at 07:02 PM

VP

Thank you Allen, for the memories you posted. Yes my brother is in heaven with our parents. What a blessing. Vicky and Ed Patterson

Vicky Patterson - March 06, 2025 at 09:21 PM



“ *I met Duane at Walmart when I was also working there. I remember him being a very caring and religious person. I know he had health issues even then but he persevered through them. Another associate, Diane, and I went to lunch with Duane several times and then went to his apartment in Kingsford to see pictures of his beloved A&M University of Texas. He also shared his love of coins. After I retired in 2019, Duane was still at Walmart in Maintenance. Diane and I tried contacting him but his phone was disconnected. We never did find out what happened at the time. So sorry to hear that his health took a turn for the worse. I know that he is now in the hands of his Lord and Savior and at peace. He is also reunited with his Mom and Dad.*

Beverly Munsche - February 28, 2025 at 08:28 AM

VP

Thank you for coming to Duane's funeral and the wonderful memories you posted, also the card. God Bless You! Vicky & Ed Patterson

Vicky Patterson - March 06, 2025 at 09:18 PM

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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss of Duane. He was such a busy person. I remember Duane and my brother Ron joined us girls in 4H. They both made utility aprons. It was fun and we all had a group picture for The Iron Mountain News. That was the first and last time we had the boys join us. I'm thinking they had enough of us girls. We attended school together. The good old days! I'm so happy for Duane to be in the Lord's house. A friend always Deb Miller (Hamby)*

Deb Miller (Hamby) - February 26, 2025 at 10:15 PM

VP

*Thank you for the special memory, I do remember him making the utility apron. God Bless you and we get to see him again someday.
Vicky and Ed Patterson*

Vicky Patterson - March 06, 2025 at 09:27 PM

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“ *Eric Olson and Tina Gorsalitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Michael Olson.*

Eric Olson and Tina Gorsalitz - February 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM

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“ *Eric Olson and Tina Gorsalitz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Duane Michael Olson.*



Eric Olson and Tina Gorsalitz - February 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM