



Duane Tirschel

September 2, 1931 - April 21, 2020

Hartley “Duane” Tirschel, 88, of Iron Mountain passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at Florence Health Services in Florence, WI.

Duane was born September 2, 1931 in Kingsford, MI, son of the late George Lammi, Dorothy and Edward Tirschel. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1950 where he earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, baseball and tennis.

He earned his Bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University in 1954. On May 29 of that same year, he married Lorraine Barr at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain; she preceded him in death in 2009.

While in college, Duane joined the United States Navy Reserves, where he served for six years. For many years, he owned and operated Tirschel Beer Distributing and Peninsula Beverage Company of Iron Mountain with his father Edward Tirschel. Duane was also a co-owner of The Holiday Inn Express in Iron Mountain.

It was Duane’s dream to build a golf course, and he realized his dream when TimberStone Golf Course opened in 1997. He was proud to host the Tom Izzo/Steve Marriucci golf fundraiser at TimberStone for many years, as well as the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame golf fundraiser.

Duane was an avid sports fan and sponsored many local athletic teams and events throughout his life. He was inspired by people who supported his own baseball and softball teams in his youth and wanted to provide the same opportunities for the children in the local communities. Duane was inducted into the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame in 2009 both for his athletic accomplishments and for being a long time supporter of Upper Michigan athletics. He was the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame executive director from 1994-2007. Duane is responsible for the relocation of the Hall of Fame from Marquette Lakeview Arena to Pine Mountain Resort's Famer's Restaurant.

Over the years, Duane served as president of both Peninsula Beverage and Timberstone Golf Course. He was a board member of Wis Pak in Watertown, WI, and a member of the Rotary Club and St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. He enjoyed going to camp with his family and playing cards with his buddies, as well as watching Tom Izzo coach the Michigan State basketball team. He loved the fan bus trips to Michigan State and going to Tom Izzo's home after the game.

On December 1st, 2011, he married Susan Brey Martin at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford.

Duane leaves his wife, Susan; a brother, Everett (Marion) Lammi of Menasha, WI; sons, Brian (Debi) Tirschel of Iron Mountain and Duane Tirschel Jr. of Kingsford; daughters, Terry (Mark) Wiederrecht of Kingsford and Sue Tirschel Graber (Sharon Ducat) of Suamico, WI; grandchildren, Shannon (Jeff) Verbrigghe of Escanaba, MI, Heidi (Craig) Wickingson of Green Bay, WI, Chad Tirschel of Quinnesec, Brianne Tirschel of Kingsford, Martha Wiederrecht of Iron Mountain and Zachary and Cathleen Graber of Suamico, WI; great-grandsons, Dylan Tirschel of Kingsford and Emmett Tirschel of Kingsford; along with many special nieces and nephews. Duane was loved

and will be missed by his wife Susan's children, grandchildren and family.

Duane was preceded in death by his father, George Lammi; parents, Edward and Dorothy Tirschel; wife, Lorraine; a daughter, Jill Marie Tirschel; sister, Kathryn Constantini and brother-in-law, Robert Constantini of Kingsford; in-laws, Linda Moore of Iron Mountain, Donald and Louise Lantagne of Florence, Lottie and Robert Kerney of Chicago and a special nephew, Mark Lantagne of Niagara.

The Tirschel family would like to thank Florence Health Services in Florence, WI, for their wonderful care of Duane while he was a resident there.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 26 from 8:30 to 10:30am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. There will not be a luncheon after the mass due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trico in Duane's memory.

Condolences to the family of Duane Tirschel may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Mass

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

RJ

“ Rod, Jason, Carrie, Ben, Aarron, Dan, Marci, Jake purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Tirschel.



Rod, Jason, Carrie, Ben, Aarron, Dan, Marci, Jake - June 23, 2020 at 10:12 AM

NB

“ Dear Tirschel Family, I would like to extend my sympathy. Duane was a great businessman, competitor, and gentleman. I enjoyed any moment I had to chat with Duane as he was always so kind and insightful. He was an exceptional example of a community businessman, but I do believe, deep down.... he really wanted to enjoy a Coke while golfing!

A great man! Please know your family is in our prayers.

Nick Bink

Nick Bink - April 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM

WC

“ With Duane’s passing the community has lost one of its outstanding leaders, who willingly gave of his time and talents to support many worthy causes. He also contributed to many of them financially without any fanfare or desire for recognition. His efforts will not be forgotten during the years to come.

I enjoyed the times I spent with Duane when he reminisced about his youth, sports and community happenings which added to my knowledge and understanding of the area. He had a wealth of interesting information to share on many topics from different eras.

Duane and Sue supported a number of projects financially at the Menominee Range Historical Foundation over the years which were much appreciated. Duane was sincerely interested in the preservation of the area’s history and was always ready to help tell the story of our heritage through helping acquire an artifact, like a World War II Jeep, or to promote the museums through better signage.

He was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word – caring, friendly, honest, sincere, enthusiastic, generous, humble – in short, the characteristics found in a true leader.

My sympathy to Sue and Duane’s children as they mourn him. May the many memories you all must have of Duane be a continued comfort and reassurance of his love.

Bill Cummings

William J. Cummings - April 27, 2020 at 09:01 PM

JH

“ Sorry to hear of Duane's passing. It was always good to see Duane at Pepsi functions. I will remember his love of the business, along with his smile and friendly demeanor. RIP Duane.

Jim Herber

Jim Herber - April 27, 2020 at 10:36 AM

OW

“ Saddened to read of Duane's passing. My sincere sympathy and prayers for all of his family. I've known Duane since High School through my late husband Harlan. His parents were friends of the Tirschels. Harlan talked so often of Duane's great ability to pitch a baseball when he was IMHS baseball team's pitcher and Harlan was the catcher: in about 1949-51. Along with being such a great athlete, he also gave back to the community he grew up in and will be missed by all. God's love and comfort to all who loved Duane. Grace and Peace.
Orice Walters



Orice Walters - April 24, 2020 at 10:37 PM

AP

“ Dear Tirschel Family, Deepest sympathy for the loss of Duane. I was fortunate to know Duane for many years through associations, work, and activities. Many did not know of all his involvements and accomplishments. Duane was a caring, humble, quite GIANT. He will always be remembered. May loving memories carry you during this difficult time

Al St. Peter - April 24, 2020 at 07:57 PM

RK

“ Dear Tirschel Family: Our sincere sympathy for the passing of your Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin and friend. Great memories of Duane in my younger years and am grateful to how good and generous he was to my Mom & Dad.
May the memories of Duane make you smile!

Thoughts and prayers!

Love,

Randy & Lori Kleiman

Randy Kleiman - April 24, 2020 at 10:38 AM

AW

“ Dear Tirschel Family,
So sorry for your loss, getting to know your dad was a blessing. I will always remember him dropping off Duane Jr. and the cases of pop before every game , home or away,for the Flivver football players. He'd come in the coaches room, quickly talk a little football, wish us good luck and be on his way. He was a genuine, kind, caring, and faithful man. He is missed.
Andy Wiltzius

Andy Wiltzius - April 24, 2020 at 10:36 AM

SS

“ Dear Tirschel Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of this amazing man. I am grateful for having had the opportunity to see him on an almost daily basis for over 10 years. I always enjoyed our conversations including everything from sports to his love of ice cream to how things were in IM before I was around. He taught people more than he ever realized by living his life with dignity and humility and by not being afraid to laugh at himself. R.I.P Duane - God has called you home.

Steve Strand - April 24, 2020 at 09:14 AM

SU

Thank you very much Steve. I know my father loved you. He brought up the story many times that when you were in Kalamazoo playing in a tennis tournament and you got handled. You come off the court shaking your head and told my dad, "if I would have just gotten that one point, I would have had a chance". He liked your spirit. Thank you for everything.

Sue - April 28, 2020 at 09:36 PM

CK

“ Brian, Terry, and family: So very sorry for your loss. My sincere sympathy to you.
I'm sure my folks will be joining that smear game. I hope that you will be comforted with the wonderful memories through the years.
Hugs to you all. Love, Cindy Kleiman

Cindy Kleiman - April 24, 2020 at 07:51 AM

TD

I can still hear Auntie Sophie yelling "Jick, Jack, Joker, Game!"

Teresa DePas - April 29, 2020 at 09:44 AM

EH

“ I never saw Mr. Tirschel without a smile on his face. My sincerest sympathies. Peace be with your family. Ellie House-Harvath

ellen house-harvath - April 23, 2020 at 07:40 PM

JP

“ Brian, Debi & family. Very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Mr. Duane Tirschel ❤️

jim peterson - April 23, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Tirschel Family. His smile was infectious and his wicked sense of humor will be missed. I'm sure he is enjoying a never ending game of smear with Lorraine, Snooky, and Louise. Heck he might even be asking my mom to do the polka!! As time passes may you be comforted with great memories of a life well lived. With heavy hearts..... The Chicago bunch

Michelle Pasinski - April 23, 2020 at 02:20 PM