



Edward "Pepper" Steele

April 19, 1933 - April 15, 2016

Edward "Pepper" Steele, 82, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, April 15, 2016 at ManorCare Health Services.

He was born April 19, 1933 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Rudolph and Ingeborg (Engman) Steele. Pepper graduated from Felch High School in 1951 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a Korean War Veteran serving his country in the United States Airforce from 1952-56. Pepper married Norma Lehto on November 23, 1957 in Felch and she preceded him in death in 2013. Pepper was employed at the Hanna Mining Co. as a heavy equipment operator for 26 years, retiring from the mine in 1981. He then went to work for Era Chevrolet in Norway as a salesman where he spent 23 years, retiring in 2007. Pepper was a member of First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain, the American Legion and Oak Crest Golf Course for over 50 years. He loved sports, especially playing golf and baseball. Pepper was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting & trapping.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan (Dan "Boone") Schultz of Kingsford and Sheila (Rick) Struebing of Iron Mountain; one son, John (Laurie) Steele of Florida; brothers, Dennis (Sandy) Steele of Felch, Duane "Cardy" (Donna) Steele of Norway, Gerald "Jim" Steele of Escanaba, Roger (Patsy) Steele of Marquette, and Larry Steele of Merriman; sisters, Evelyn (Norman) Verley of Quinnesec and Carol (Mike) Gilligan of Arkansas; six grandchildren, Jaime

Schultz of Green Bay, Jaclyn (Chris) Patterson of Green Bay, Stacy (Tim) Fayas of Iron Mountain, Toby (Kaleena) Struebing of New York and Chantel Steele of Florida and Felicity (Caleb) Harden of Alabama; six great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and special friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Celebration of Life will follow at 3:00pm on Tuesday at the funeral home. Rev. James Lindgren will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Edward "Pepper" Steele online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

APR 19. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The family and extended family of Pepper. Please accept my condolences on your loss. A fine man who served our country with pride and had a infectious laugh!! I have many memories as a child of him stopping in at our family restaurant and telling stories w/ "the guys"....*

*Thinking of you at this sad time....God's Blessings to you all.
Mary R. Oman*

M Oman - April 26, 2016 at 06:58 AM

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“ *My sincere sympathy to Pepper and Norma's family. I would have liked to attend Pepper's visitation, but was dealing with my own day of grief as it was exactly one year ago that Harlan went home to the Lord. I can imagine they are having their own reunion on the Lord's greens along with Norma and all the other golfers who have gone before.*

*Our friendship goes back quite a few years ,from First Lutheran , Oak Crest Golf Course and when the Golden K would sing at Evergreen. Always a smile and a laugh with Pepper! He will be missed but left fun memories. God Be with his family.
Orice Walters*

Orice Walters - April 22, 2016 at 12:38 AM

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“ I was fortunate to play golf each week with Pepper, Wally and Tommy Temple. And, each week the three of them gave me lessons beyond the game. Lessons about life, humor and humility. Granted, Pepper and Wally often begged for a few strokes a side, like their game depended on it :) — that story is for another time. What an incredible human, mentor and family man. I am deeply sorry for your loss. But, continue smiling from the great memories he left behind. I'll never forget him.

Neal - April 20, 2016 at 02:08 PM

BL

“ Pepper was my cousin Norma's spouse. Whenever I came to Michigan to see her. He made feel part of the family, as did Norma. I was very sad to hear of his passing. May God keep you all safe. My prayers go out to you. Bruce Lehto (son of Wesley Letho)

Bruce Lehto - April 19, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket was purchased for the family of Edward "Pepper" Steele.



April 17, 2016 at 05:22 PM

KG

“ Aunt Susan and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time ❤️

Kristin Gaboury - April 16, 2016 at 02:00 PM