



Ernest L. Wickman

May 17, 1939 - December 10, 2015

Ernest L. Wickman, 76, of Felch, died Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the home of his daughter, Karen, surrounded by his family.. He was born on May 17, 1939 in Iron Mountain, the son of the late Leo and Mabel (Ovist) Wickman.

Ernie was a lifelong resident of Felch and graduated from Felch High School in 1957. He served two years in the U. S. Armed Forces

Ernie married Mary Ellen Thoune on Sept. 16, 1961 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 2004.

Ernie was a lifetime logger and retired in 2005. Ernie was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Foster City. He loved spending time with family, especially his grandchildren. Ernie enjoyed going to camp, deer hunting, fishing, and gardening. He was a seasoned outdoorsman. Ernie loved all sports and was an avid fan of all of the Michigan sports teams.

He is survived three children, Karen Luedtke (Ken) of Felch, Kim (Buddy) Oman of Ralph, and Ernie Wickman Jr.(Aly May) of Felch,; 11 grandchildren, Kristin, Kelsie, Karlyn, Kenny, Father Brandon, Amanda, Auna, David, Kristy, T.J. and Marissa, , thirteen great-grandchildren Mylie, Brysen, Madison, Patrick Jr., Paisley, Kinsley, Elsie, Alyse, Kase, Brandon, Nathan, Dylan, and Elliana. two sisters Grace (Donald) Norman of Upper Pine Creek and Shirley

Fischer of Clintonville

Visitation will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 10am -12 noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Foster City. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon at the church. His grandson, Father Brandon Oman, will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

Condolences to the family of Ernest L. Wickman may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 15. 12:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Foster City
MI 49834

Visitation

DEC 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of my Uncle Ernie - my brother and I spent many summers hanging out with Auntie and Uncle and our cousins. Sending hugs and prayers to the family



Donna Norman - December 15, 2015 at 05:11 PM

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“ My prayers are with Ernest Wickman and all whose lives he touched.
God bless ... Sister Ellen Enright, IBVM

Sister Ellen Enright, IBVM - December 15, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ Linda Anderson lit a candle in memory of Ernest L. Wickman



Linda Anderson - December 14, 2015 at 09:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ernest L. Wickman.



December 14, 2015 at 05:34 PM

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“ Saying that "I am so sad" just doesn't sum up how I am feeling.....I hurt for you all that your Father, Grandfather, Sibling had to struggle and suffer so much. I am finding comfort that he is home safe in the arms of our Lord and no longer in pain....please know that there are so many that loved "Big Ernie" and I feel honored to know such a kind, sweet, generous man. He always took the time to talk to me no matter where I was from the time I was young to most recent.

One of my favorite memories of Big E was when he and Mary Ellen would sit in their Dodge Dart at the Felch Baseball field watching Little Ernie and the boys play ball while the two of them sat side by side on the front seat listening to the Detroit Tigers on A.M. radio....blowing their horn when The Rangers would score or do something worth of a toot....I think anyone from Felch can picture this memory of mine.

I used to tell Ernie and Mary Ellen when I was little that he looked just like the guy in "Gone With the Wind" (Clark Gable) he would always laugh and tell me that I wouldn't think that when I was older....but I always did.

Both Ernie and Mary Ellen were always such good neighbors....always fun to talk to when visiting their house and just so happy you stopped by. They will be missed but it's such a wonderful feeling to know that they are together again.

I am praying for your entire family that you find some comfort at this very sad and overwhelming time of losing such a great guy. Big Ernie was loved by our whole family as are you.....Please lean on us all! We love you!

Mary Oman
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MARY OMAN - December 14, 2015 at 01:11 PM

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“ *To Ernie's Family and Friends:*

My parents moved from Felch when I was an infant, but we would spend many weekends back there. I enjoyed the time with my cousins Joyce, Bonnie Wickman, Sandy, Linda and Lori Ovist. They are very happy and precious memories. Ernie was 9 years older than I was but always had the time to stop and chart with you. One memory I would like to share is on one summer visit Ernie and Dick came back from fishing with a bunch of fish and my brother Roy was so impressed. Ernie made the time the next day to take him fishing, I think Roy was about 5. How many teenagers today would make time to take their little cousin fishing? We moved to Washington State and our weekend and holiday visits stopped. About 15 years ago my brother Roy and I stated going back for occasional visits. We enjoyed the people and the UP area so much that Roy bought a house in Iron Mountain. It was during these visits I got to know Ernie again and know what a kind and loving man he was. I know as his family you are sad and grieve. But you know he is so happy to be reunited with Mary Ellen again. And how wonderful his grandson can give him his final blessing. My sincere sympathy to all his family and god bless. In Loving memory, Gary and Joanne Ovist-Gripp.

Gary and Joanne Ovist Gripp - December 13, 2015 at 06:22 PM

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Thank you for your kind words, Joanne. Yes, he will be dearly missed. It's comforting to know he's with Mom. `Kim

Kim Oman - December 16, 2015 at 09:10 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ernest L. Wickman.*



December 13, 2015 at 10:21 AM



“ *Gaetan Lortie lit a candle in memory of Ernest L. Wickman*



Gaetan Lortie - December 13, 2015 at 08:26 AM



“ *We Monique & Gaëtan Lortie and family would like to offer to his family and all those who loved him our sincere condolences. We will always remember him as a generous man always ready to help and share. We are honored to have ad the chance to know him and he will always stay in are memory.*

Gaetan Lortie - December 13, 2015 at 08:24 AM