



Ernest Zambon

November 22, 1948 - November 22, 2006

IRON MOUNTAIN - Ernest D. Zambon, 58, of 1108 East E St., Iron Mountain, died, Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2006, at his camp.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1948, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Frank and Leah (Marlow) Zambon. Ernie was a 1966 graduate of Iron Mountain High School. He was a third generation owner and operator of Zambon Decorating Co. of Iron Mountain.

Ernie was one of the first members of the neighborhood partnership to revitalize the Northside of Iron Mountain. With Zambon Decorating's longtime association with Pittsburgh Paints, Ernie was able to obtain grants and materials for improvements in the Northside neighborhoods. He was always willing to volunteer his time and equipment to the needs of the Iron Mountain Schools.

Ernie was a member of the Painters Union, the Sagola Sportsmans Club, Iron Mountain Elks Club, Paisano Club, the Iron Mountain Pool League and the National Rifle Association. He was an avid Detroit Lions fan. Ernie enjoyed traveling and his vacations to Mexico. In his younger years, he raced snowmobiles.

Ernie had a great love for his camp, EZ's North Forty+. With his beloved dog

Lucy at his side, he opened his camp to a number of family members and friends. He loved the tradition of celebrating and held great feasts. Hunting and deer season brought Ernie some of the best of times. He especially enjoyed hosting the annual black powder shoot. Big-hearted Ernie, with a twinkle in his eye, always had a story to tell. On many occasions, he reached out to others in need.

Gentle spirited, generous and affectionate, Ernie will be sadly missed by all who knew him. He would often say, "Don't ever say goodbye, say see ya." He left a legacy of wonderful memories that will be shared by those who treasured him. He will never be forgotten.

He is survived by his fiancé, Marianne Strait and her son Tyler; his sisters, Sandra Zambon of Green Bay, Wis., Barbara (David) Wescher of West Bend, Wis., Frances (Warren) Dean of Littlestown, Pa., and Beverly (Thomas) VanHemelryk of DePere, Wis.; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff and two nieces, Michele Bashe and Sherry VanHemelryk.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Fr. Raymond Valerio will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ernie Zambon online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

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

Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LI

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time! What a sad loss..what a wonderful man and he will surely be missed by all. I wish I could have been at the funeral home to be with you all. My heart goes out to you in your loss! Love Lisa

Lisa Ingebrigtsen - November 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ We were saddened to hear about Ernie and wanted to let his family know that we are thinking and praying for all of you at this time. David worked for Ernie years ago and always spoke highly of him. God Bless.

David & Carol Moggo - November 28, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Ernie was a cool guy. I spent many Saturday afternoons hanging out at the paint shop with his nephew, Jeff (Zams) during high school. Ernie was truly a "Mountaineer" who loved the Iron Mountain area and sacrificed a lot of his time making the Northside a nice place to live and do business. I also remember the deer seasons.. We would always make a stop at Ernie's camp to tip a few beers and whatnot... He will surely be missed by all that knew him.

Jim Hagerty - November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Dan & Marilou Cazzola - November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Sorry we couldn't come to the funeral home, but we send out our deepest sympathy. Ernie was a great guy!*

Mr. & Mrs. Steven cheney and Family - November 27, 2006 at 12:00 AM