



Gary Antonetti

November 28, 1939 - November 28, 2012

Gary L. Antonetti,

73, of Kingsford, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain. He was born on October 14, 1939 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Frank and Mary (Sinnaeve) Antonetti. Gary enlisted in the United States Navy just prior to his High School Graduation. He served for three years aboard the Navy Destroyer, USS Sperry. While aboard the Sperry, he worked as an electrician and visited ports in many countries. After his discharge from the Navy he married the former Bonnie Peterson. Gary returned to College and earned his Bachelor of Science in Sales and Marketing from Northern Michigan University. He did this while working full time for Wisconsin Electric and helping Bonnie raise four children. After graduating from college, Gary worked in Sales and Marketing for over thirty years. During his long career he earned numerous awards and recognitions prior to retirement.

Gary was well known among family and friends for his great sense of humor and was very proud of his Italian heritage. He treasured times spent with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gary loved hunting, fishing and staying at his camp in Amasa (Net River Paradise Palace of the King of Italy in Exile). He was the first one out on the ice fishing and the last one off the ice each year. In addition to the outdoors, Gary was an avid Detroit fan,

especially the Detroit Lions. He was a lifelong member of American Martyrs Church in Kingsford.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; children, Lori (Bill) Haarstad of St. Cloud, MN, Jon Erickson of Iron Mountain, Renee (Rich Rippetoe) Antonetti of Clearwater, FL, and Robin (Jim) Hamm of Iron Mountain; sister, Judi (Gerrit) Stemmer of Lower Michigan; grandchildren, Taylor and Carly Sparpana, Kirsten Haarstad, Ryan (Sarah Brinkman) Erickson and Matthew Erickson; great grandchildren, Hailey and Dylan Erickson. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends including those from Fob's Restaurant in Crystal Falls and the Rusty Sawblade in Amasa.

Visitation will be on Saturday, Dec. 1st from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Memorial services will be at 12:00 noon at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Gary Antonetti online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

JF

“ To Bonnie and all the children,
It was with great shock and deepest sympathy that we read about Gary's unexpected death. Growing up in Iron Mountain, and working with both Gary and his father at the power company, has given us the pleasure of knowing him and calling him a good old friend. He will certainly be missed.

Sincerely,
Jack and Judy Beauchamp

Jack and Judy Beauchamp - Riverview, FL - friends - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Audios dear friend.

Ronald White - Milwaukee, WI - Friend - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I have no words to express my deep sorrow. There is little confort in words, but memories will always warm my heart. Gary will be greatly and sadly missed. Gary was a cousin and person I treasured. I will always remember well, my phone conversations with Gary, sharing our Italian heritage, and our visits when I was in the area. My wife and I sympathize for you and your family in your sorrow.

Richard Winton - Bainbridge, GA - First Cousin - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Papa Gary,

I am so grateful and thankful for the time I was able to spend with you. Our phone calls and conversations about culture, traveling, sports and other things means more to me than you could ever know. Thank you for all of your support, your service, and the love that you have showed grandma in the 50 years you spent in marriage.

During college I could always count on you to read my papers and give me feedback, and you would share your many experiences with me. You helped me plan my trip to France, and told me about all of the "hotspots" I should visit. As a child, I always looked forward to your stories and our games of Battleship! Also, thank you for always letting us come up to camp and just hang out with you. I am happy I got to help with the firewood this summer.

I will honor you and cherish you for the rest of my life. Thank you for the impact you made in my 22 years.

May you Rest in Peace, and I know you have a big comfy chair in Heaven to watch the Lions, Tigers, and Redwings... when you're not fishing!

*Love you always,
Kirsten (aka your "Big Kahuna")*

Kirsten Haarstad - Minneapolis, MN - Granddaughter - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Bonnie and family,
We were sad to read of Gary's sudden, unexpected death, and wish we could be there to give you support. Hi to all the kids and hope to see all of you at Rivers Bend come summer.
Love
Sherri and Clem

Sherri and Clem Bergstrom - Mission, TX - friend - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Uncle Gary, thanks for allowing us trolls to spend some quality time with you yoopers over the years. Some of the things I will never forget are the "P" station, playing with the old school GI joe and jeep as a kid and Friday night fish fry's. I know you have found a good resting place with lions, tigers and no bears or Packers. Bona fortuna Uncle Gary!

Steven Lukens - oxford, MI - nephew - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. It was a treat to visit with Gary during the times I would bring propane to the cabin. The stories he told were classic! May God bless Gary and your family, Sincerely, Rex.

Rex Angeli - Iron River, MI - Krist Propane - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ To the family of Gary:

It is with sincere regret that I heard about the loss of your Husband / Father. I know what a shock you have all suffered. I wish to express my deepest sympathy and the hope that the kind thoughts of your many friends and family will make your grief a little easier to bear.

Some of my fondest memories as a child were all a result of the kindness of Gary. Gary always unselfishly invited both my father and I to his camp and always made us feel more than welcome. My love for hunting and the outdoors started right there in that little Red Cabin tucked far off the road just East of Randville. With the help of John, I learned how to kill many a critters such as chipmunks, squirrels, wood cock, grouse and yes even mice in the cabin, all because Gary gave me the opportunity to be a part of a true Northwood's Camp. For that I will be forever grateful.

No one can eliminate your sadness, but I wanted to take a moment and extend my deepest sympathy to you all. I will never forget the friendliness and kindness that Gary extended to me as a child.

With Sympathy,

Tal Goodchild and Family.

Tal R. Goodchild - Richfield , WI - Friend - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sorry for your loss, recently Gary and I along with my brothers talked about our grandparents Louie and Mary Antonetti ,he was very helpful in getting a proper headstone for our two uncle's who died when they were very young,he enjoyed finding out more about their lives thanks to my brother Richard Winton. My mother was his aunt Norma (Antonetti)Winton ,Gary was always so thoughtful he would call and stop to see her or she would stop at his camp,I loved seeing all the old photo's he had on the wall.He will be sadly missed by our family,our prayers and love go out to you and your family.

mary (winton) king - Pickett, WI - first cousin - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM