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Gary Edlund, 81, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully at Iron County Medical Care Facility on February 20, 2026.

Born on October 24, 1944, to Alvin and Edna Edlund, Gary was raised in Iron Mountain and graduated from Iron Mountain High School. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Ronald Edlund of Waukesha, Wisconsin; his former wife, Jill (Hinkley) Edlund; and his great-grandson, Arthur Pivoris.

Gary was known for his strong work ethic and dedication to providing for his family. Over the years, he worked as a milkman for Walstrom's Dairy, at W.B. Thompson, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in Kingsford, for Wisconsin Electric, and as a projectionist at the Braumart Movie Theater. He later became the longtime owner of U.P. Pet Center in Iron Mountain, where he built lasting friendships within the community. Gary delivered papers for the Daily News for many years.

A lifelong racing enthusiast, Gary loved NASCAR, but his greatest racing memories came from competing at Norway Speedway during the 1960s and 1970s. Friday nights at the track were some of his proudest moments. He also

enjoyed customizing vehicles and was known around town for driving what was likely the only Dodge Caravan with flames and a rear spoiler.

Gary also enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. He loved spending time with his cat, Luna, and could often be found hanging out at Bimbo's, enjoying pizza and good company.

Gary is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Christy (Jody) of Iron Mountain and Jaime Hiatt (Brent) of Kingsford; grandchildren Michael Christy (Stephanie), Nicole Hartwig (Luke), Rebecca Pivoris (Eric), and Colten Hiatt; and great-grandchildren Luna Christy, Maverick Christy, Ezekiel Hess, Reid Hartwig, Brooks Hartwig, Beaux Hartwig, and Theodore Pivoris. He is also survived by his nephew Scott Edlund of Iron Mountain; nephew Steve Edlund; and niece Molly Fischer (Dale), both of Waukesha, Wisconsin.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the caregivers at DICSA and to the staff at Iron County Medical Care Facility for their compassion and care.

A private graveside burial will be held. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family asks that you hug one of your loved ones in Gary's memory.

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

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

Tribute Wall

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“ So very sorry to hear about my classmate, Gary. We would see each other occasionally at class luncheons and the Norway races. He was very nice, quiet, but always friendly. May he rest in peace.

Cynthia Corsi-Gordon - February 26 at 08:14 AM

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“ Gary was a kind soul and a wonderful father and grandfather. I remember Gary growing up just a block away. Edna and Catherine (his mom and my mom were sisters) were very close and I spent a lot of time there. He babysat me and my brother and the. I watched his girls at times. I still miss the 4th of July parties in his back yard. Rest in Peace cousin Gary.

Kay Kay! - February 23 at 07:27 PM