



## Gary W. LeClaire

April 26, 1944 - September 1, 2016

Gary W. LeClaire, 72, of Iron Mountain, died Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. He was born on April 26, 1944, the son of the late Raymond and Jeanette (Renning) LeClaire.

Gary attended Iron Mountain High School and graduated in 1972. He married the late Patricia Farley on July 16, 1966 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. On October 20, 2000 he was remarried to Jodi Malm at First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford.

In his early years, Gary and his brothers worked for their father at the family business, City Bakery. He then worked for Harlen Walters Standard Oil, Khourys, and Grede Foundry in Iron Mountain. He then moved to Milwaukee, WI where he worked for Heilerman Bakery, Cutler Hammer and Falk. He returned back to Iron Mountain and worked at G. Bertoldi and Sons delivering oil and doing furnace repair. He also worked as a Deputy Sheriff at the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department and was a candidate for Sheriff in 1987. Gary was well known by all the local teenagers at McDonalds, serving as a security guard. Gary then worked for Rust Engineering driving trucks and retired from Dickinson County Memorial Hospital as a maintenance technician in 2006.

Gary was very active in his church and community serving in many capacities.

These include: UCT, Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree, and American Martyrs Parish Council for 16 years of which he was President for 6 years. He also was an Elks Lodge member for 5 years.

Gary's hobbies and interests were always tied to helping others by being an exceptional handyman, gadget man, alarm installer, and photographer/videographer.

He is survived by wife Jodi, one son David (Cheryl) LeClaire of Fate, TX, one daughter Angela (Patrick) Ferrell of Peoria, AZ, one brother Ronald (Rosemary) LeClaire of Iron Mountain, two sisters Nancy (John) Patzke of Menominee Falls, WI and Cheryl Fredrickson of DePere, WI, one sister-in-law Kay LeClaire of Kingsford, two grandchildren Alex LeClaire and Caitlyn LeClaire, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Patsy, two brothers Mark LeClaire and Ray "Peewee" LeClaire, and one sister Barbara (Bob) Peterson and an infant brother, Duane.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 8:30-10:30am at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 am at American Martyrs Catholic Church. Father Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in Cemetery Park Wed. at 2:30 pm.

Pallbearers will be Alex LeClaire, Mark LeClaire Jr., Pat LeClaire, Kenneth Coombe, Kevin LeClaire, and Gary Rochon.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established for Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

Condolences to the family of Gary LeClaire may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ Dear Jodi, David and Angela,

*I was sorry to hear of uncle Gary's passing. I remember as a child he and his brothers being so full of life when they were together. May he rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.*

*Peace, Prayers, and Blessings to you...*

*Love,  
Mike LeClaire*

*"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." -Thomas Campbell*



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**Mike LeClaire** - September 04, 2016 at 08:56 PM

JM

“ Jodi, David and Angela,

*We are so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a dear friend to our dad, Bob Cocking, when they worked together many years ago. My sister and I have gotten to know Gary in the last few years through our visits to Iron Mountain to visit dad. We'd always call Gary and meet out at the farm or include him when taking dad out for lunch. Last summer we had a memorable picnic at the farm and dad and Gary reminisced about their years working together. He was a very nice man and so kind to our dad, even taking dad out when he turned 90 and making him a special gift.*

*Our deepest sympathy to all of you as you go through the process of laying him to rest.*

*Warm regards,*

*Jean Miller and Joan Fitzgibbon*

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**Jean Miller** - September 03, 2016 at 05:00 PM

CC

“ *Lifting David and the entire family up after the ascension of an amazing Dad into the eternal and loving arms of an amazing Father. May your family be covered in His perfect peace!*

*The Carpenters*

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**Charles Carpenter** - September 03, 2016 at 09:13 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary W. LeClaire.*



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September 02, 2016 at 01:46 PM

MJ

“ I am so sorry we never met. But I know Gary must have lived a life of love because he is Cheryle's sister,, ever kind and thoughtful.

Rest now, Gary!

Love,

Mary Anne (Le Claire) and Terry

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**Mary Anne Jackson** - September 02, 2016 at 10:24 AM

SP

Uncle Gary, thank you for all the wonderful memories you gave us. You were a man who loved his family and life and loved to live it. You will be so missed, but so glad your not in pain anymore. See you again in Heaven! Until then, can you give my Dad a hug for me!

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**sherri Povolo** - September 02, 2016 at 07:28 PM

MJ

There are certain people in life that you will never forget and Gary is one of them. I met him and worked with him at DCHS. Gary brought so much love and fun into the work environment that I actually wanted to wake up and go to work and enjoy his company. After Gary's retirement, I was fortunate to see him again at Kevin LeClaire's graduation party in 2014. It was so nice to visit with Gary and catch up on life. God bless you, Gary! Many thanks for all the laughs that we had at DCHS!

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**Mary Johnson** - September 02, 2016 at 11:20 PM

JD

I had the privilege to work with Gary at DCHS, saw him a few times after he had retired. Then I had the honor to take care of him. He had the greatest smile, kind words and some great stories. My life is richer for having known you Gary. RIP

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**Joan DeClark** - September 03, 2016 at 08:36 AM

VK

*What a Great Man Gary was, touching the hearts and lives of all he met, fun, caring, a heart bigger than the State of Texas, You as his family will miss him, but find comfort that he is in the arms of the lord. and you will see him again, and when you get a little nudge once in awhile, That's Gary smiling at you, God Bless*

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**Venessa Kuzak** - September 07, 2016 at 08:12 AM