



Gary W. Poupore

April 28, 1944 - July 9, 2023

Gary Walter Poupore, age 79 passed away unexpectedly on July 9, 2023 at his home in Sagola, MI after a short battle with cancer.

Gary was born April 28, 1944 in Iron Mountain, Michigan to his parents Walter and Lucille (Coombs) Poupore. He was a 1962 graduate of Kingsford High School.

On July 13, 1968, Gary married Donna (Peterson). They resided in Kingsford until they retired and relocated to Sagola where they enjoyed "life on the 40". Donna preceded him in death in 2019.

In his leisure time, Gary loved being in the woods. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to family or neighbors in need and spent many hours building or remodeling houses, fixing cars, cutting wood or doing whatever needed to be done.

Gary leaves behind 3 stepchildren; Jeff (Kimberly) Polkinghorne, Julie (Kevan) Klingberg, and Jim Polkinghorne (Gwen Goffard). He was also a grandfather and great-grandfather. His role as a grandfather brought him immense joy, and he cherished every moment spent with his grandchildren Erin Polkinghorne, Amanda (Youssef) Mouttaki, Ashley (Anthony) Bibbo, Jennifer Polkinghorne (Everette Cosmutto), Jordan Polkinghorne, Nic Wilbur, and

Cheyne Wilber (Ashly Nelson). In addition, Gary felt exceptionally blessed to be PAPA to his great-grandchildren Oliver Polkinghorne, Mikhail, Khalil and Adam Mouttaki, Jamison Brown, Bowie Glass, Rosalie Bibbo, Aviana and Elara Wilbur who will all miss him greatly. Gary is also survived by his siblings Pamela Cuggino and Roger (Sue) Poupore along with their families. In addition to Donna, he was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Lucille and his brother-in-law, Larry Cuggino.

The family would like to recognize dear friends of Gary: Carl and Bonnie Johnson and family, Nick & Julie Johnson and daughter, and Eugene Peterson. A special thank you also to the entire staff at the Marshfield Clinic - Dickinson County Oncology Department for their kind, compassionate and excellent care over the past 3 months.

Gary will be remembered for his kind heart and the profound impact he had on those fortunate enough to know him. He leaves behind a legacy of love and dedication to those close to him.

There will be no memorial services and a private family burial will be held at a later date.

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

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

Tribute Wall

DG

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Live in Louisiana and just heard today. Gary and I were classmates and enjoyed are years together as classmate. God Bless the family.

Donna Carlson Gunter - July 20, 2023 at 03:09 PM

LV

“ Sorry for your loss! My grandmother was Irene (Poupore) Velmer.



Lynn M. Velmer - July 16, 2023 at 10:52 AM

LD

“ Dear family of Gary Paupore,
I am Edna Dennis, wife of John (Jud) Dennis and would like to extend my deepest sympathy on the passing of Gary..
Gary used to come over to our garage when we lived in Randville, along with Carl Johnson and we became very dear friends with Gary and Donna..
He was there for us, many times, when we needed help and he was there for me with the passing of my husband..
We enjoyed his friendship and will miss him deeply.
My thoughts and prayers are with you..May God Bless..Sincerely,
Edna (Putsen) Dennis..

Lisa Johnson for Edna Dennis - July 13, 2023 at 04:58 PM

JR

“ *Jan Romaker sent a virtual gift in memory of Gary W. Poupore*



Jan Romaker - July 13, 2023 at 10:57 AM

DJ

“ *I will miss our visits Duane Johnson*



duane johnson - July 13, 2023 at 07:53 AM

CJ

“ *Carl And Bonnie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gary W. Poupore*



Carl and Bonnie Johnson - July 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM

PJ

“ *I will never forget Gary he was one of the best guys I could know. I will miss our visits together.*



Penny Johnson - July 12, 2023 at 02:08 PM