



## Gary Unrein,

December 21, 1954 - December 21, 2012

Gary A. Unrein, Sr., 58, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, December 21, 2012 at his home.

He was born June 1, 1954 in Milwaukee, WI, son of the late Robert and Margaret (Welcher) Unrein. Gary was employed at Grede Foundry in Kingsford for over 20 years. He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Gary had a passion for baseball and played softball for many years. He was a Green Bay Packer fan and spent many hours walking. Gary enjoyed spending the summers at Rivers Bend Campground.

He is survived by a son, Gary A. Unrein, Jr. of Niagara; a daughter, Tara Riley of Green Bay; a granddaughter, Lexi; two brothers, Terry (Tina) Unrein of Kingsford and his twin, Larry (Nancy) Unrein of Texas; two sisters, Sandy (Don) Brown and Mary (Terry) Van Pembroke, both of Iron Mountain; a close friend, Jimmy Van Laanen; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Gary was preceded in death by a brother, Mark Tanner and a sister, Renee Unrein.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

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

# Tribute Wall

PL

“ Little Gary,

*It has been years since I seen you, you were so young. I was calling you little Gary the last time I saw you. You may not even remember me. I was in the family for 19 years so Gary meant a lot to me as well as the rest of your aunts and uncles. I am so sorry about your Dad. I had heard that he wasn't well but who is at our age. I never dreamed it was bad enough for this to happen. You are in my thoughts and prayers as is the rest of the family too. I'm sure that you have many memories to cherish to help console you in the upcoming years. He was a good guy. I'll never forget when he stayed with us on "A" Street and had that parrot who hated me. Him and Larry would go to work and I would be stuck home with that bird. That bird could do whatever he wanted to do because I wasn't about to make him mad. I think Gary thought it was funny how scared I was of it. Also his obsession with the "Rocky" movies. I also remember one time I almost got us all shot. We were heading to Iron River in the "cuda" and I threw a beer can out the window without realizing there was a guy on a motorcycle behind us who got royally upset. He lived on the road we were on and stopped at his house and got a gun. He caught up with us on the road and we pulled over and he pointed that gun in your Dads face. I just remember us all, especially me, apologizing to the guy because it was my fault. He let us go but I don't know if your Dad ever forgot that, I know that I didn't. I will always remember him in fond ways as I'm sure that we all will. God Bless you and your family and give you peace and comfort during this sad time. Love, Aunt Peg*

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**Peg Spangler - League City, TX - Ex-Sister in law - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

JJ

“ Gary,  
*I am so incredibly sorry for your loss. I just happened to be scanning the daily news and read about your father. My hear goes out to you and your family. I lost my dad a little over a year ago and it's been tough. I hope and pray happy memories help ease your sadness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jessica*

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**Jessica (Oman) Casa - Winter Garden, FL - Friend of Gary Unrein Jr. - January 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM**

CF

“ Gary Jr.

*I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. He was a good man and I enjoyed working with him and coaching us at our softball games. He always knew how to calm us all down during some of our tough games. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and Lexi during this tough time.*

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**Chad Yaggie - Kingsford, MI - Friend - December 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

TF

“ So sorry for your loss. We had no idea he was ill. Gary was a good friend who we will deeply miss. We are shocked.

*When the time is right please e-mail or call us. We would like to find out what went wrong.*

*Please let us know if there is anything we can do.*

906-563-8786

*Love & Prayers to all,*

*Todd & Patty*

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**Todd & Patty Cerasoli - VULCAN, MI - Friend** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To Mary, Sandy, Terry and Larry, their families and Gary's family:

*Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. We were very sad to hear about Gary's passing. He was a good man and good friend. He will be truly missed by many. {{{hugs}}} to you all.*

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**Rick and Sharon (Juopperi) Dasko - friends** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ *I will never forget you Uncle...you were one hell of an amazing guy!! I will forever miss you and love you always, but do me a favor and keep making those banging bloody marys. Love you! Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Fredy Lynn Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ I am truly saddened by the news of Gary's passing. I met Gary years ago and knew him through Riverbend. Anytime I saw Gary whether in the campground or walking on his harding to "a" st to Kimberly to Woodward and back home route which was frequently:-) he always had a smile and a wave at me. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this difficult time.

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**Lisa Tedeschi** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Terry, Larry, Sandy & Mary Beth,  
It is with such sadness that I write this note to you. I remember all the time we spent together as kids playing in the back yard. Sad how long ago that was. Gary was a good guy and always had a smile and friendliness about him. I am so sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers. You all take care !  
Sincerely, Debbie

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**Debbie (Gendron) Polzin - Pembine, WI - Long time family friend** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I am so sad to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'm filled with good memories from way back. My love to you all.

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**Debby Richtig - WI - Friend** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I have known Gary for a long time (mostly through sports-he was an excellent athlete). A good guy-I always liked him!

Again, my sympathy, and prayers.

Sincerely,

Jim Fornetti

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**Jim Fornetti - Iron Mountain, MI** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ The best time we had was on a trip to Texas to bring Gary's brother Larry back ! Brother Muck flew out of Green Bay and Gary , Larry and myself borrowed a very good friend's car Jerry Murray 's Honda Civic to make the trip. We only had to fill up about three times which made Gary happy. Gary said he would drive and I think he made it to just past Green bay. Larry and myself ended up driving the rest of the way . Somewhere in Arkansas we got lost ! Gary never let me forget it because it was a shortcut that I saw on the map ! We were on back roads where the people had their washing machines on the front porch and junk cars all around with disconnected front doors ! We were reminded of the Deliverance Movie . Gary was a friend since Muck and I were in high school. He was always there to help and will never be forgotten !

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**Jim VanLaanen & Lois Derenne - kingsford, MI - Best friends** - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family

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**Ellen and Jeff VanLaanen - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Gary,

*So sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. You and your family will be in my thoughts. Take care.*

*Tina*

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**Tina Duenweg - Pembine, WI - Friend** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Gary,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. My heart goes out to you and your family. We are all thinking of you during this most difficult time.*

*Much sympathy!*

*Jacki & Don Fairbairn*

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**Jacqueline Fairbairn - Shawano, WI - Cousin of Gary Unrein, Jr.** - December 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM