



## Gerald Abegglen

July 30, 1943 - July 30, 2011

Gerald A. Abegglen, 68, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

Gerald was born March 29, 1943 in Milwaukee, WI, son of the late Arthur and Beulah (Luedke) Abegglen. He graduated with honors from Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee in 1961. Gerald went on to study pre-med at the University of Milwaukee prior to getting accepted to Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA. He graduated with honors from Palmer in 1966 and continued post graduate studies and research for one year. In 1967, Gerald was appointed to faculty at Palmer where he served the capacities of Associate Professor of X-ray, Director of Admissions, and was a member of the President's Cabinet. He also traveled and lectured on the research done in X-ray interpretation. In 1974, Gerald became an associate of Dr. Bruce Franks at the Franks Chiropractic Care Center in Kingsford where he spent 25 years. He then became an associate of Dr. Peter Begres until retiring in 2003. Gerald was a longtime Elks member where he served as an officer and on the Board of Trustees. He was also a member of the American Chiropractic Association and the Upper Peninsula Chiropractors. He enjoyed spending time outdoors and woodworking.

Gerald is survived by a brother, Dr. Dennis Abegglen and his wife, Gail, of Merrill, WI; his chosen family, Shanda Crossley, who was like a daughter to

him, and her daughter, Katherine; his nephews, Robert and Richard Abegglen; his niece, Christine Flinn; and his friend, John Meister.

Visitation will be on Monday, August 8 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 7:00pm at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Gerald's name to the Palmer College of Chiropractic Research Foundation, 1000 Brady St. Davenport, IA 52083 attn: Development Office.

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

AUG 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

PC

“ Gerry was a friend, very helpful to me in class during chemistry. Gerry was a kind man as well a sharp DC. God's comfort to those who mourn his passing and who daily miss his presence. I just read Gerry's passing in the Palmer publication. sincerely, tom greene dc

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**paul t greene jr. - park hill, OK - palmer classmate** - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Abegglen family. We had the privilege of knowing Gerry for many years. He was such a genuine, sincere man. We enjoyed being in his company and he made us feel he enjoyed ours too. His accomplishment of helping a person live a life being pain free and mobile had to give him a great sense on joy in his heart. His life was so meaningful to us...he did that for us.

Gerry was such a loving and caring man whom we held in high esteem and with great respect. Humble and humorous, yet we shared one another's sorrows.

We share in your sorrow today. Your beautiful brother Gerry has moved on to his heavenly rewards and he will be dearly missed by us because we loved him.

Well done my good and faithful servant.

Gerry, through the love and mercy of God, rest in peace.

+May God bless you and those who have loved you.

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**Jeff, Lana Smith - Iron Mountain, MI - Patients since 1972 & friends** - August 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dr. Abegglen was a classmate of mine, we usually sat together since our last name's were close alphabetically. I dated him through the last two years of high school and we enjoyed riding in the little Triumph with a large key stuck to the trunk. I lost contact with him when he moved to Iowa to continue his studies. Whenever he was in town, he always phoned my mother and she loved that. She thought we would marry but, of course, we did not. He contacted me again after many years through the high school and we talked about old times. He mentioned he was in a wheel chair and of his care and concern for Shanda and Katherine. At the time, another classmate, Luann Winkler [Turkiewicz] and her husband were staying at my home while she went through treatments at a hospital close to my home. It was a very trying time, she passed away and I didn't follow up with Jerry. I am so very sorry for your loss and that he was taken before his time. God bless you Jerry.

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**Marlise C. Blinten - Milwaukee, WI - Classmate and friend** - August 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ When our daughter was 12 years old, we came directly from Childrens hospital in milwaukee to Dr Abegglen. We were told her pain, disorientation etc was all in her head and she was scheduled for psychological care the next day. Dr Abegglen found a problem and fixed it, followed her care into college and advised others how to adjust her when she moved out of the area. This is a very short version of all we are grateful for, but many thanks

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**Jenell Wiegel - florence, WI - mother of a patient** - August 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Dear Abegglen Family,

*Please accept our sincerest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Your Wisconsin Lutheran High School family is here to support you and pray for you all during this difficult time. May God comfort you in his loving arms and give you peace.*

*Wisconsin Lutheran High School  
August 4, 2011  
Milwaukee, WI*

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**Nancy Reichert - Milwaukee, WI - Wisconsin Lutheran High School** - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ So sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He literally touched so many lives in the UP region with his honest and practical care of his patients. I had the honor to work shoulder to shoulder with Dr. A. at Franks Chiropractic Care Center for 6 months as a new intern back in 1995. I really appreciate his instruction and forthright demeanor and honest opinions on my future professional path. I credit him and Dr. Franks both, with making me the Chiropractor I am today. Gerry is in the Lord's hands now - God Bless to you all.

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**Geoffrey Randall, DC - Marquette, MI - Colleague** - August 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ "Doc" was such a kind, caring man with a great sense of humor. He was the only one I would trust taking care of my "Georgy". He will be greatly missed.

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**Sue Van Dusen - friend (The Voice)** - August 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *My condolences to the Abbeglen family.*

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**Larene Maki - Florence, WI - WLHS Class of '61, classmate.** - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Billie Crowley - friend** - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Your Brother, Jerry. Loved his wisdom, kindness...he will be greatly missed!*

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**Christine A. Tedeschi - patient** - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *Doctor Abegglen was an accomplished chiropractor and and an intelligent and kind man. I am sorry to read of his passing.*

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**Alice Reed - former patient** - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *I had a long-standing doctor/patient relationship with Dr. Abegglin. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories, as well as his expertise in detailing the chiropractic process. I have missed my chiropractor since he retired, and will remember him fondly.*

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**Renee Swanson - Former patient** - August 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM