



Harry Davidson

January 24, 1919 - November 6, 2003

"Harry Davidson"

FELCH - Harry John Davidson, 84, of W4332 Davidson Road, Felch, died Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain after a year-long battle with multiple myeloma.

Harry was born at home in Metropolitan on Jan. 24, 1919, the youngest and last surviving of the 12 children of John and Mary (Wickman) Davidson. He was a lifelong Felch Township resident.

Harry graduated from Felch High School in 1937 and went on to attend Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He married the former Lucile Bayles on Aug. 4, 1941, in Chicago.

Harry retired as an electrician in 1981 from the Groveland Mine. He also worked in the Iron River underground mines, the Manitowoc shipyards, and in Kingsford for Ford Motor Co. He was a good mechanic and overhauled several engines in his garage. He used his welder to build a snow thrower for his tractor among other projects.

Music was a lifelong love. He accompanied himself on the guitar with a harmonica and frequently performed in local churches and competed in area music contests. His high school band was known as the Guernsey Trio, reflecting pride in the purebred Guernsey cows on the home farm. Harry was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan, where he was a council member and a choir member for many years. He could always be counted on to help a neighbor. His subtle humor brought smiles wherever he

went.

Riding Indian and Harley motorcycles was another of Harry's lifelong pleasures. As recently as July he was regularly taking short stints on his 1978 75th anniversary Edition Electra Glide Harley-Davidson. The bumper sticker on his banged up pickup reads, "Friends don't let friends drive rice burners." He spent as much time as he could outdoors hunting, fishing, gardening, clearing snow, walking in the woods, and making his yearly supply of firewood. His yard teemed with deer, turkeys, songbirds, and the occasional bear that raided the corn barrel.

He served as secretary of the Felch School Board of Education for many years and was a trustee of the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District Board. He was also a member of the Eastern Dickinson County Sportsman Club and the Metropolitan Farm Union. In recent years, he was on the Felch Township Board of Review and was an active member of ACES. Harry was an original member of the Men's Community Prayer Breakfast and the recently established Men's Monthly Bible Study.

He was preceded in death by an infant grandson.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lucile; three sons, Robert (Darlene) of Felch, Edward (Janet) of Felch, and Doug (Cynda) of Fruitport, lower Michigan; two daughters, Ann (Randy) Sheldon and Muriel Bratcher, both of Columbiaville, lower Michigan; 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. Memorial services will follow at 1 p.m. at the church. Rev. Bill Jacobson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed to the Davidson family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall

JD

“ So sorry on your loss to Lucille and family. I enjoyed talking with and caring for Harry, and I enjoyed the fun we had as members of the "Davidson" family - related or not. All the best to you and your family.

Jan Davidson - November 18, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Davidson Family, We both send our love to you all. What a great family. Lucille, you and Harry did a wonderful job raising your children. I know by reading Harry's Obituary, you had a fun and wild time with Harry. What wonderful memories to keep you going. The one man band is my favorite. Ed, you must fill us in on more stories about your past, if you don't I bet Lucille can shed some light. We pray for continued strength for everyone.

Tony & Linda Abraham - November 14, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ To the Family of Harry Davidson (Ed Davidson). Even though we have never met your father or mother for that matter; it is never easy to lose a father. God rest his soul and rest assured that he is in heaven pain free.
Knowing Ed Davidson and all his good qualities, we know his father was a terrific man.

Love,
Tammy & Steve Nelson

Tammy & Steve Nelson - November 11, 2003 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Hello everyone:

It is with a heart full of love that we (Voorheis family) extend our deepest sympathy to you. Our family cherished the memories we spent with your family when we came to visit. We are comforted that our dad and yours is in Heaven together and the suffering is over. It was agony to watch the pain and suffering and I am sure you feel the same about your dad. They were richly blessed with a life full of blessings of family and love. I am sorry we were unable to be with you for the services. My most memorable time of Uncle Harry, of course, was when we were on the ski lift and he was bouncing them up and down and Aunt Lucile was yelling at him to stop. He laughed about it, but Aunt Lucille didn't. Then there was the time he took us to the dump to see the black bears. We really liked that alot! and of course, Duane got his ear bit off and put back on. I will never forget the tray of goodies Aunt Lucile always kept on a beautiful tray for us and playing croquet in the back yard. All these things, make the memories seem sweeter at the passing of someone you love. Thanks for the memories from Uncle Harry and Aunt Lucile and the rest of the family as well. He will be missed and we all loved him very much. Heaven is the goal and he made it! That's the comfort of it all. Take care and we all love you! Dawn (Voorheis) Daghe and family.

Dawn Daghe - November 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Doug&Cyndy,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you so that our Heavenly Father will sustain both of you and keep you strong through all of this. We are so sorry that you've had to say good-bye to yet another "Dad". Satan is going to try and use the last few months to attack your health, your relationship, your marriage, any where that he can because of all the opportunities that are there...beware...we are praying...

Chris, Luanne, Jamie & Leeanna - November 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Davidson Family”

Losing such a wonderful Dad is so very difficult. Saying good-bye is so very hard to do. The only thing that seems to make it easier is the knowledge that your Dad is in Heaven with Jesus! Now, that is Awesome! That knowledge is what carried us through in July when Dad Peter was called home! Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. Take Care...

Chris, Luanne, Jamie & Leeanna Peter - November 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Lucile,

How wonderful for Harry that he has gone home to be with our savior! How blessed the two of you were to have so many wonderful years together.

The long process of just adjusting to every day activities can be overwhelming. Thats when prayer, family, and friends can be the most help. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you each and every day.

Chris, Luanne, Jamie & Leeanna Peter - November 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Harry.....

In July, we said good bye to a very special "Dad" that we loved very much. You and Dad, (Fred Peter) share many family ties and continue to do so in heaven. How very wonderful for both of you!! We will always remember your quiet way and gentle, loving smile. Thank You for the gift of your son Doug. You have raised a man much like yourself. For this you can be very proud. We hope there are Harley's up there Harry--Ride On!!

Chris, Luanne, Jamie & Leeanna Peter - November 10, 2003 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ To the family of Harry Davidson: I was very sorry to hear about Harry's passing. I have worked with Candy at Shopko pharmacy over the past two summers. I will sincerely miss seeing Harry's smiling face in the pharmacy - he was always a pleasure to wait on. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Natalie Nash - November 09, 2003 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Harry old buddy, I can't wait for spring when I hear the thunder in the skis. I KNOW it will be you and Pa heading out on another ride. Lucile, you had one of the best! He enriched my life also.

John Harju - November 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I don't know if anyone would remember me, but I used to be Harry's "riding buddy" when my parents were in the Mountaineer Motorcycle club. I was very young but enjoyed Harry's company whenever I got the chance to go. I have never forgotten him and I was saddened to hear of his passing. I know he is doing well now and continuing to remember and do all those things he loved to do. He will always be considered by me his "riding buddy". My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Ride on Harry :)

Tracey (Harju) Kohler - November 08, 2003 at 12:00 AM