



Jay Walsh

March 27, 1957 - March 27, 2008

GRANITE BLUFF - Jay E. Walsh, 51, of W8368 Swanson Road in Granite Bluff, passed away, Thursday, March 27, 2008 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain after a courageous five month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Jay was born on Sept. 1, 1956, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a 1975 graduate of Iron Mountain High School.

He married the former Lynn Johnson on May 2, 1987, at First Covenant Church. Jay proudly worked for Grede Foundry in Kingsford for the past 32 years.

He attended First Covenant Church. Jay was involved in the men's Tri County Slow Pitch Softball League and several area mens and couples bowling leagues. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan. Jay enjoyed following the sports and activities his children were involved in and especially enjoyed being a "Horse Show Dad,"

He is survived by his wife, Lynn; his children, Tierney, Lacey and Tanner, all at home; his mother and stepfather, Eloyce and Herb Lewis of Kingsford; two sisters, Kay (Rich) O'Shaughnessy of Iron Mountain and Kit (Dan) Nelson of Kingsford; mother-in-law, Dee Johnson of Granite Bluff; brother-in-law, Ward

(LeeAnn) Johnson of Granite Bluff; sister-in-law, Carla (Mike) Hiatt of Granite Bluff; and by many special nieces, nephews, great-niece and great-nephews and his faithful Labs, Erin and Emma.

Jay was preceded in death by his father, Jack; his brother, Tim; and his father-in-law, mentor and friend, Carl Johnson.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Rev. Peter Erickson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be Howard Dumke, Jeff Brisson, Tom Peters, Lou Taff, Joe Mitchelson and Ward Johnson.

Jay was a wonderful husband, father and friend to everyone and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Condolences to the family of Jay Walsh can be expressed at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Lynn... We're sorry that this message comes to you so late. But, most of all, we are very sorry to hear about Jay. He was always a bright spot in our lives. Upbeat and smiling is how we will remember him. He (as we were) was an honored member of the original "Spread Eagle Loop Troop", back in Spera's hay day. (circa: early 1980's) We always had alot of fun and Jay was a central part of that! I used to see him often when I was working at True Value. We will miss him...alot. Our most sincere condolences to you and your's. John & Jane

John Newkirk & Jane Khoury - May 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Nild, Tiern, Tan, & Lacey - I love all of you so much, please call me if you need anything. It will be a journey ahead for all of you, but the way you all love each other you will get through it. Be strong and I am here! Love you all!

LISA - April 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Lynn and family...I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed working with Jay over the years. He was a hard worker and I respected him greatly. We had some great times at work and he was always making us guys laugh. It's not the same not seeing him at work everyday. He will be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Mike Peterson - March 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Lynn and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. I have many wonderful memories of softball and camping. Jay was one of a kind and he will be missed. Please know you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.
Dave, Jessica, Dylan, Brianna, Cameron, and Gabriella Schultz

David and Jessica Schultz - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Although it's been over 20 years since I've moved away, and talked to Jay, I still think of him, and the friend that he was, from back in those White Beret days, through the rest of his years.
Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss.

Dave Peters - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Lynn and family, I am so saddened to learn of Jays illness and passing. We had so many laughs and good times at the horse shows and fairs and he will be greatly missed by all of us. Please tell the kids how sorry I am and I hope to see you all soon.

Twyla - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lynn & Family, I am so sorry to hear about Jay. I have known him forever. Stephen & I will never forget the memories we with Jay from softball. Your family is in our thoughts.

Michele Smith (Bussiere) - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Lynn and family, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you all and our prayers are with you now and for the journey you all have ahead.

Jay was a great guy! I will never forget being the new city girl sleeping out in a tent in your yard. I awoke to the scariest noise in the world. Rushing in the house I rambled off to Jay my worries thinking that some big animal was gonna get me! Jay thought it was hysterical because I was afraid of a young rooster that couldnt cock a doodle do yet!!:) OK everyone laughed even me!

We had great times at the ball field! Jay was great at keeping it fun and we had some great ball parties huh?!?!!

Your family has always been in my heart and now my prayers are for peace for you all. Love and hugs now and always.... Adrienne, Nathan, and Stephanie

Adrienne Stachowicz - March 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Lee Ann and Ward, we were so sorry to hear about Jay passing away. Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers and have our deepest sympathy.

Joanne & Allen - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Lynn...I have enjoyed over the years hearing all the fun stories of you and Jay from my mom and dad (Robin and Len). They have treasured your friendships, and I know that the wonderful memories they have will be carried with them for always. Please know that you and the girls are in our thoughts and prayers and that Jay will be remembered always for the bright spirit he is. Jamie Lundholm and Family

The Lundholm's - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM