



John O'Donnell

January 22, 1942 - January 22, 2012

John C. O'Donnell, 70, formerly of 300 W. F St. in Iron Mountain, passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2012, at ManorCare HCR in Kingsford.

John was born November 1, 1941 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Dr. J.C. and Eileen (McKindles) O'Donnell. He was a 1959 graduate of Iron Mountain High School and attended both Northern Michigan University and the University of Colorado. John was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served from 1963-1967. After he was discharged from the Air Force, John returned to Iron Mountain and formed the White Beret Drum and Bugle Corp. They performed in this area for many years and were a favorite during local parades.

He has been an active member of the Iron Mountain business and political community. John owned and operated the Last Chance Saloon on Iron Mountains "North Side" for many years. He enjoyed celebrating his Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day was always special at the Last Chance. John also served as Mayor of Iron Mountain for nine years, during the time that the city was a strong mayor form of government and was elected specifically to the cities top position. He was involved in Iron Mountain city government for over twenty years, including positions on the TIFA and Housing Authority boards.

John was a member of St. Mary & St. Joseph Church and the Uren-Cooper-

Johnson American Legion Post 50. He loved the outdoors. Hunting and fishing, especially his annual fishing trip to Canada were his passions. John was also an avid gardener.

He is survived by his sister, Marybelle Johnson of Norway; his brother, Bob O'Donnell of Green Bay; nieces and nephews, Leanne (Brian) Wierschke of Niagara, Brock Johnson of Norway, Kristen (Ian) Bednarz of Green Bay, Kevin Johnson of Norway and Kelsey O'Donnell Mauthe of Green Bay; four great nieces and nephews. John is also survived by a special friend who was thought of as a son, Don (Kim) Dinnocenzo and his friend Jeff VanLaanen, who brought John's dog to see him every day.

John was preceded in death by his brother in law, Larry Johnson.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain and from 10:30-11:00am Thursday at St. Mary & St. Joseph Church. Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct a pass and review at 6:30 on Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church. Fr. Daniel Zaloga and Fr. Raymond Valerio will concelebrate the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be at Norway Twp. Cemetery.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JAN 26. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church
414 Prospect Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Hey Uncle John,
Was thinking of you this morning and this one time in particular,
from when I was a little kid.

It was the 4th of July (I believe it was, at least!) and you got to ride in a nice, classic car (I can't remember the model or anything). I remember getting to ride with you, in the parade, in that cool car and thinking it was the best thing. I remember waving to my mom and dad, my Grandma Belle, in the crowd when we passed. I remember how hot that day was, because the leather seats burned my little legs. I remember feeling how happy I was on that day and how awesome I thought you were. I still think that.

Miss you Uncle John!

Jake - November 20, 2021 at 10:17 AM

JF

“ Bob, so sorry to read about John passing away. I have a lot of great memories of him and the last Chance, the 'good old days'. I hope he didn't suffer at the end. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I have thought of you several times through the years, please contact me, so we can reconnect. Take care of yourself.

Joanne (Gustafson) Shangle - Gaylord, MI - friend - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Marybelle and family,
I met John at Lincoln School and remember your dad filming our special programs. We had lots of good times growing up and lots of laughter. You have my heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your brother.
Martha Nicholls Schinderle

Martha (Nicholls) Schinderle - Portage, MI - childhood friend - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Goodbye old friend, your work to make Iron Mountain a better place is known by many. Your humor and robust love of life will be missed by all who know you.
May you rest in peace.

Jess Pike - Aurora Twp., WI, WI - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ my prayers go out to john and his family and great friends. I will always remember john, as he married me to my first husband., i am sure he is laughing at this one right now, and glad to know we r not married to each other any more lol..may GOD bless you all at this time ,.maureen julian pasten and my husband (chuck pasten)

maureen - buckeye, AZ - friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Bobby, MaryBelle, Donnie, Jeff, and Rex~Please know that I am very sorry for the loss of your brother and your friend. I've know John through my brothers, Rex Dean and Randy Dean, when they were both members of the White Beret Drum and Bugle Corps years ago. Since that time I have enjoyed countless stories and pctures of Canada fishing trips that my brother Rex enjoyed with John and Donnie. John was a kind man with a strong sense of family who will be missed by many. Rest in Peace John.

Sue Dean Deacon - Clarkston, MI - friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I knew John through my brother-in-law Rex Dean who has been a long time friend of John's. Over the years since Rex introduced me to John I've always known him to be a wonderful person and a great repersentative of the special people of Iron Mountain. I know that Rex will miss John but always charish his memories of the times with John particularly their tirps to Canada fishing and up to John's camp.
Rest in peace John, you've touched many.

Mark Deacon - Clarkston, MI - Friend - January 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ John did many things for the city of Iron Mountain. I hope that people realize what John brought to this community and what we have lost with John's passing. Our prayers go out to John's family.

Jim and Linda Dale - Iron Mountain, MI - friends - January 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM