



Kenneth Wickman

October 12, 1934 - October 12, 2012

Kenneth W. Wickman, 78, of Iron Mountain, died Fri. Oct. 12, 2012 at ManorCare in Kingsford. He was born on Oct. 26, 1933, the son of the late Wallace and Adeline Strolberg Wickman.

Ken graduated from Kingsford High School in 1951. He spent two years in an apprenticeship at Ford Motor Co. for tool and die making. He then went to work at Detroit Kellering and Republic Die and Tool. Ken moved back to Iron Mountain in 1963, where he and his father started Wickman Welding. He retired from Wickman Welding in 1995.

Ken married Patricia Gibson on Nov. 14, 1953 at Augustana Lutheran Church in Detroit. Together the couple raised 6 children, Susan, Debbie, Dale, Gary, Tim, and Dan. The couple had a family camp for over 40 years and spent 17 winters in Apache Junction, AZ.

Ken's first love was his wife, Pat. His second love was trout fishing on Lake Superior out of Skanee. He also enjoyed going to camp, hunting, and cutting wood. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, where he served as an usher, greeter, and church council member.

Ken enjoyed 31 wonderful years in AA fellowship, where he touched the lives of many individuals.

Ken is survived by his wife, Patricia, five children Susan (Rick) Lundholm of Iron Mountain, Debbie (Gene) Davis of Kingsford, Dale Wickman of Mission Viejo, CA, Tim (Erin) Wickman, of Gladstone, and Dan Wickman of Kingsford, a daughter-in-law Jill Wickman of Covington, OH, one brother David (Jan)

Wickman of Vulcan, two sisters Marlene (Richard) Azarovitz of Detroit, and Sharon (John) Fredrickson of Kingsford, seven grandchildren Craig Charette, Carrie Charette, Peter (Lindsay) Cummings, Andy Cummings, Jessica Wickman, Hannah Wickman, and Mikayla Wickman, six step grandchildren, five great grandchildren, with one due in July, thirteen step great grandchildren with one due in February, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his son Major Gary Wickman, a son-in-law Don Charette, and a step grandson Michael.

Visitation will be Tues. from 10am-1pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Funeral services will be Tues. at 1pm at the church. Rev. Stephen Cowen and Rev. Lee Liverance will co-officiate. Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Ken's sons and grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be made to some of Ken's favorite charities/organizations.

Condolences to the family of Kenneth W. Wickman may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

OCT **16.** 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DP

“ I started working for my Father ,(Mel),at the age of 16, as a gas attendant and parts chaser, at "Mel's Foreign Car Service" Doing alot of business with Ken and his Family. Ken was one of the nicest guys I have met in the time I worked for my Father.I know its hard to say good bye to the ones we love, as we lost Mel just over a year ago. My thoughts go out to your familly , and I am very sorry for your loss.

Dennis Martin - Iron Mountain, MI - Local Buisness people - October 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ We were very sorry to hear of Kens passing. Our prayers and condolences are with you and your family during this hard time.

Shane Trulock & Kerstin - Kingsford, MI - Friends and Coworkers of Sue - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ September 2, 2012 at the Wickman residence, Ken sat in the drivers seat of Tim's new truck smiling, determined and proud, while Dan mowed the lawn for Mom. I will always remember him that day. Pat, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you and yours, my friend.

Laura Rauwerda - Spring Lake, MI - Friend - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you, Pat, and to your children and grandchildren. Ken was a special husband, father and grandfather, as well as an exceptional friend to many. I remember serving on team with him at Marygrove during a cursillo weekend and what a blessing his presence was to all gathered there...participants and team members alike. He touched many in a sincere and simple manner. He will be missed, but we know he now is rejoicing with the Lord. Bill and Jan Cummings

Bill Cummings - Iron Mountain, MI - friend - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband and dear father. We express our heartfelt condolences to the family at this time.

Dennis & Barb Larson - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ My deepest sympathy

Billie Crowley - White Pine, TN - friend - October 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ A wonderful friend and mentor.

Kathy Meyers - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I just want to say I am so sorry for the loss of Ken. On behalf of myself and my family (Swartout's) we will all have you all in our thoughts and prayers!. Love and prayers, Michelle Murray, Chuck, Megan & Mitchell

Michelle R. Murray - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We met many years ago if you remember. It was at a Fortune Lake Retreat.

I am not sure what year but it does not matter. We became friends that day and remained friends till now. You will be sorely missed Ken. Till we meet again..

David and Connie From Negaunee - negaunee, MI - Friend - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *I am sorry to hear of Ken's passing. He was a wonderful man, always very kind and helpful to friends of AA. Our prayers are with you.*

Edward A. Sauld - Lindenhurst, IL - AA friend - October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM