



Kent A. Pearson

June 20, 1943 - April 12, 2015

Kent Austin Pearson , 71, of Aurora, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at home with his loving wife by his side after a hard fought battle with Multiple Myeloma.

Kent was born June 20, 1943, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Arthur and Dorothy (Everingham) Pearson and was a lifelong resident of Aurora and Kingsford. He attended both Kingsford and Florence High School and graduated from Florence High School in 1961. Kent was an accomplished businessman with his first business venture being a garbage route in Aurora when he was only 16 years old. He opened Kent's bar in Aurora when he was 19 and a few years later opened Mr. Kent's in Spread Eagle, WI. He also worked as a salesman for Edwards Chevrolet for many years. He has owned and operated Aurora Liquors Inc since 1975 and the T&T Supper Club since 1984, both located in Aurora, WI. Kent had a successful stock car racing career in the 70's and 80's with seven track championships between the Norway and Escanaba Speedway. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan and enjoyed following the success of local high school teams. He was very proud of his grandchildren. In recent years Kent enjoyed traveling, golfing, Hodagging, and wintering in Arizona at Apache Wells Golf Community. Kent was known by friends and family for his unique joke telling capabilities, words of wisdom and his love of singing certain Elvis Presley songs.

Kent is survived by his wife of 17 years, Jean Ann Pearson of Aurora; his son, Brian (Lisa) Pearson of Iron Mountain; daughter Nanette (Jeff) Sjoquist of Kingsford; brother Allen "Pee Wee" (Shirley) Pearson of Kingsford; stepson, Joshua Schomer of Kingsford; stepdaughter, Stacy (Ryan) Erkkila of Kingsford; sisters-in-law, Mary Beth (Mark) Damro and Delores Pearson; brother-in-law, John LaTona; and grandchildren, Deacon Brad Sjoquist, Dan (Jordan) Sjoquist, Holly Pearson, Dillon Uren, Randi Pearson, and Ava Erkkila; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Kent was preceded in death by three sisters, Keta Steeb of Sturgeon Bay, WI, Yvonne Latona of Hales Corners, WI, and Dolores Landstrom of Sister Bay, WI; and one brother, Arthur "Wayne" Pearson of Clearwater FL.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 3:00 to 7:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be on Saturday at 10:00am at the First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. Rev. James Lindgren will officiate. Burial will be in the Homestead-Aurora Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Schomer, Mike Ciochetto, Ken Clawson, Deacon Brad Sjoquist, Dan Sjoquist and Dillon Uren.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Kent Pearson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Homestead-Aurora Cemetery

1372 Osterberg Parkway
Niagara, WI 54151

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Kent A. Pearson



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - April 28, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ I was searching old places that our band The She 5 played at back in the 60's. I am saddened to see Kent's obituary come up. We played at Mr Kent's many times and loved it there. Kent was a great guy. Although this is very late please accept my sincere condolences.

Dar Ryba-Borchardt - November 23, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Jenni Lindstrom lit a candle in memory of Kent A. Pearson



Jenni Lindstrom - May 24, 2015 at 08:58 PM

MP

“ Our sympathies to the Kent Pearson Family and Friends. We apologize we did not pay our respects sooner, we were just made aware of the passing of Kent. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. From: The Entire Alfred and Janet Pearson Family, submitted by Mark Pearson.

Mark Pearson - April 24, 2015 at 11:46 AM

DH

“ To the Pearson family; I just heard the news and it took my breath away, I am so sorry for your loss. Your dad was bigger than life itself to me. Brian, I've been over your house when you lived in Aurora and when you moved to Kingsford. I remember going to the Norway races and cheering for your dad when running the late models.

We think our parents are will live forever, but unfortunately God has other plans. Your dad will be missed, and that pillar of the community will be hard to fill.

David Herman, Oklahoma City, OK.

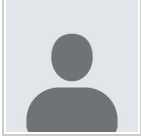
David Herman - April 22, 2015 at 07:24 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Kent A. Pearson.



April 17, 2015 at 04:24 PM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to Kent Pearson's family. We have very fond memories of the times we visited with him.*

Wally and Gloria Bittorf

Gloria Bittorf - April 16, 2015 at 09:21 PM



“ *Jean Ann & Family,
I was deeply saddened this week to learn of Kents passing. My sincerest condolences to you and your family. The world is going to be a far less interesting place without him.*

With deepest sympathy.

Larry Spera

Larry Spera - April 16, 2015 at 08:50 PM



“ *So sorry to hear this news Jean Ann. So sorry for your loss. His parents were actually friends with my husbands family.*

Ginger LaRock - April 16, 2015 at 06:48 PM



“ *I will miss the way he always greeted me with a big grin, a good joke and sincere hospitality.*

Steve Bloch - April 16, 2015 at 05:45 PM

EF

“ *Ed Copeland Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Kent A. Pearson.*



Ed Copeland Family - April 16, 2015 at 03:43 PM

JN

“ *Will always remember Kent singing "The Big Bopper" at Apache Wells on karaoke night. Will miss him back here. Our sympathy to you Jean Ann!*

Joyce and Jerry Nefs

Joyce Nefs - April 16, 2015 at 12:55 PM

KG

“ *Uncle Kent led a full life and left us too soon. He achieved amazing success in his businesses, traveled, enjoyed and dearly loved his family. One of my greatest memories of spending time with my uncle and his family was at none other than the Daytona 500. It was years ago but we had such fun, I'll always remember. RIP Uncle you will be missed so much. Kathi Pearson Gilbert*

Kathi Pearson Gilbert - April 16, 2015 at 07:08 AM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - April 15, 2015 at 05:45 PM



“ *First I would like to give my sincere condolences to all of Kent's family. I will keep you in my prayers. Kent was a wonderful man.*

My first memories of Kent were when I used to buy Copenhagen snuff from him when we were barely tall enough to see over the counter at his liquor store. He'd say, "does yer mom let you chew that stuff" with that grin of his he always had. Of course he had my mom's permission but he would always give us a hard time. Then one time when I was about seventeen i came flying into his parking lot too fast with my old Charger and skidded into the paper stand and slammed it into the wall right behind where his register used to be. He just came out the door, looked at the wall then me, shook his head and went back in the store. He will be greatly missed. Always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.

Rest in Peace Kent,

Wayne Thom

Wayne Thom - April 15, 2015 at 12:27 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kent A. Pearson.*



April 15, 2015 at 11:16 AM



“ *Dick Wright & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kent A. Pearson.*



Dick Wright & Family - April 15, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ *Hi jean ann it's janie your causin I am so sorry for your huge loss of kent and for the family he is such a staple for maney and he will truly be missed by many my prayers are with you girl to keep as strong as u can you both shined together and I am so sorry for what you had to endure in so little time no more losses for you !!! Love you janie*

jane zawada - johnson - April 14, 2015 at 11:32 PM



“ *Caitlynn Holton lit a candle in memory of Kent A. Pearson*



Caitlynn Holton - April 14, 2015 at 12:56 PM


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“ *You will be missed Kent! I will always remember the memories we shared! Rest in Peace! Love you!!*



Caitlynn Holton - April 14, 2015 at 12:55 PM

AM

“ *Ann Markell lit a candle in memory of Kent A. Pearson*



ann markell - April 14, 2015 at 12:36 PM

BR

“ *Our community has lost a giant.....Prayers to the entire family.....I don't know if they served steaks in Heaven before but they're gonna.....What a wonderful life Kent had....it's hard to say good bye.....Bill and Pam Revord*

Bill Revord - April 14, 2015 at 12:18 PM

KR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He surely will be missed. Always enjoyed his conversation at the T&T. Dinner and drinks won't be as fun without him.*
Kevin Romitti

Kevin Romitti - April 14, 2015 at 11:57 AM

SR

“ Kent and my late husband Jack were best friends. We did a lot of fun things together as couples. Traveling to Arizona and Vegas. Celebrated a lot of birthday's together. I will never forget those times. Myself and my family wish the best to Jean Ann and her family. Love, Sandy and family

Sandy Raymond - April 14, 2015 at 09:05 AM

AV

“ Kent was larger than life with a big heart, big smile, and big hug. Our entire family, including his second and third cousins--the Campbells and the Slagles of San Antonio, TX, send our love and prayers to his family and friends.

Allen and Mary VanHaute - April 14, 2015 at 08:53 AM

MG

“ My condolences to the family. He will be greatly missed by all. I first met Kent when he worked at Edwards. I bought many Chevy trucks from him and his brother and was always treated very well. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mark Grandaw

Mark Grandaw - April 14, 2015 at 08:12 AM

BD

“ To Kent's entire family, it is not possible to fully understand how sad you are at this time. We (this community) would all take on part of your grief if it were possible, to merely lighten your aching heart. It goes without saying your loved one Kent will be sadly missed by many, family most certainly but he was known by so many people and we all loved him a bit too. I sure did enjoy his dry sense of humor and I hope when the time is right, you will know he wants you to laugh and live life to its fullest as he did. Be gentle with yourselves, time does help and even if it seems slow in coming you will feel better soon be sure. Look to God for understanding and grace and it will be given to you. Breathe in and out slowly, repeatedly while focusing on just that - breathing. Try remembering the light, laughter and life Kent enjoyed as well as brought into your life. This may make his departure from earth to eternal life residing with our heavenly Father somewhat palatable yet difficult all at the same time. There are many people who are willing to help with any of your needs. These friends of yours (like me) in some cases are not exactly sure where to give their time and assistance, so please ask.

*Much love and sympathy
Bev Diamond*

Bev Diamond - April 14, 2015 at 12:05 AM

JE

*Jean Ann, and Kent's entire family, our sympathy goes out to all. Kent will be missed by many, many people including us. R.I.P.
Chuck McCormick and Judy Ehmer*

Judy Ehmer - April 14, 2015 at 09:18 PM

DO

Jean Ann and family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you find Gods comfort and peace with all the love and support of family and friends in the days ahead. Know that Kent is at peace with no more suffering. Gods Peace, Mike and Debbie Oberdorfer

Debbie Oberdorfer - April 16, 2015 at 07:49 AM

RM

Sincere condolences to Kent's family. Always enjoyed talking to Kent and remember his great racing when I was a kid! RIP buddy. Rick and Chris Meyer, Bonners Ferry Idaho

Rick Meyer - April 16, 2015 at 11:24 AM

GC

Kent was a long time friend, played football with him and was one of the first places we went when we came back to town. He became one special friend at the first beer party, his parents were out of town and even back then he knew how to have a good time. He, Jack Raymond, Gary Brockington, Dale Mongrain helped me make it through the first time having a "bit too much". Will miss seeing him at the T & T. Will still stop and hope to see Jean Ann when we are in town. Gary & Susan Carlson

Gary Carlson - April 16, 2015 at 05:23 PM