



Lawrence "Larry" Mattson

June 13, 1938 - May 22, 2011

Lawrence W. "Larry" Mattson, 72, of Kingsford, formerly of Metropolitan and Marquette, died Sun. May 22, 2011 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 13, 1938 in Niagara, WI, the son of the late Walter and Julia (Parera) Mattson.

Larry graduated from Felch High School in 1957 and earned an Associate's Degree from Northern Michigan University in 1977.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1960, being stationed in Ethiopia. From 1961-1963 he worked for the Dickinson County Sheriff's Department. In 1963 he went to work for the Michigan Department of Corrections as a corrections officer at the Marquette Branch Prison and he worked there until his retirement in 1990.

Larry married Katherine "Kay" Anderson in 1964 at Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan. The couple moved to Felch after Larry's retirement.

Larry enjoyed hunting, fishing, and being outdoors. He greatly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Kay, two sons Kurt (Wendy) Mattson of Altus, OK and their children Jessica and Ryan, and Scott (Autumn) Mattson and their

children Drew and Evan, two brothers Theodore (Fanny) Mattson of Kingsford and Ronald (Renee) Wicklund of Marquette, two brothers-in-law Gerald (Terri) Wickman of Iron Mountain and John Anderson of Felch, two sisters-in-law Ruth Ann Wicklund of Iron Mountain and Susan Anderson of Felch, one aunt Margaret Pach of Harris, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by one sister Carol Wickman, and two brothers John "Jake" Mattson and Donald Wicklund.

Private family services will be held.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp 138 Fortune Lake Camp Road, Crystal Falls, MI 49920 or the Dickinson County Cancer Unit 1401 ½ Carpenter Ave. Iron Mountain, MI 49801.

Condolences to the family of Lawrence W. "Larry" Mattson can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Tribute Wall

TA

“ Dear Mattson Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
"Death leave a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves
memoriesno one can steal"
Sending you hugs of love.

Tim and Sue Wolfe - Cedar Springs, MI - Uncle and Aunt of Scott & Autumn -
May 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dear Kay and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss of Larry. It is truly a shame how
Larry's golden years weren't very golden. I know he was a very
private person but his stoicism and strength through all the difficult
and painful times were a true testament of his character. If only most
of us could be like him, a true legacy for us to follow. Whenever we
saw him, he was friendly, even when his ailments might have
changed his attitude but he didn't let it. He will be missed as his
quiet presence was felt by many. I am truly sorry he didn't have
more time to spend with his grandchildrenand all of you . He was
proud of all of you. You have lost your husband and father and
sadly, there are no words to make the pain less, but please know
you are in our prayers and that he will live on in all our memories.
Merle and Michelle Gustafson

Merle and Michelle Gustafson - Felch, MI - family - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Dear Kay and family,
My wife and myself give our deepest sympathy for the loss of Larry,
I enjoyed stopping and talking with him and you, although not as
much as I would have liked to. Our prayers are with you and your
family and Larry's family.
Ray and Gayle B.*

Ray Blomquist - Kingsford, MI - Friends since childhood - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Kay and Family,
We were so sorry to hear about Larry. What a wonderful person
who will be missed and remembered fondly. Please know that you
are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Erin, Scott & Angelina - Family & friends - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR OF LARRYS PASSING.I STILL
REMEMBER LARRY AS I WAS JUST A KID,HE WAS A PATIENT
AND UNDERSTANDING GUY.MY SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE
FAMILY.YOU ARE ALL IN MY PRAYERS.*

DAVID WARD - MARQUETTE, MI - FRIEND OF FAMILY - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ John and I were so saddened to read of Larry's death in Tuesday's Mining Journal. Our heartfelt sympathy to you, Kay, and to your sons Kurt and Scott and their families. We'll be passing on this news to Eric. May the strength that comes from family, friends and faith sustain you in these difficult times.

Pauline

Pauline Kiltinen - Marquette, MI - Friend - May 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. ~Author Unknown
Kay, my thoughts & prayers are with you.

Kay N.

Kay Nussbaumer - Felch, MI - Friend - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Larry was the best father-in-law a girl could ask for. He welcomed me into the family with open arms and has always been there to support me, Scott and our wonderful children. I will be forever thankful for the wonderful memories we were able to have with him. Drew and Evan were blessed to have such a wonderful grandpa who loved them so much! Thank you Larry for being so wonderful to me, Scott and the boys. We will miss you more than you know and will keep your memory alive forever!

Autumn Mattson - Cedar Springs, MI - Daughter-in-law - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Kay and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Larry. I have grown very fond of him and feel blessed to have known him for the little time I have. I will always remember his smile and hug he gave me every time I cut his hair. Larry will always be remembered with special thoughts. Prayers and love to you all during this hard time.
Love, Julie (Beurjey) DeGroot

Julie DeGroot - Friend - May 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Kay, Scott, and Kurt, and Family,

On behalf on my family I would like to pass along our condolences to your family for the loss of 'The Big L'. We are all thinking of you. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do for you.

Lots of love to you all.

The Freberg's

Dan Freberg - Marquette, MI - Freind - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Kay & Family you have my deepest Sympathy, was a great guy sorry to see him gone.

Susie Piatti - friend - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Kay & Family,
So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. You have our deepst sympathy.
Sincerely,
Allan & Sharon Strauss

Allan & Sharon Strauss - kingsford, MI - Friend - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *The tears of sorrow will turn to tears of happiness because Larry is in pain no longer. May the memories bring all of you a smile, and keep burning in your hearts the love he expressed to all of you every day of his life.*

*We send our love and support from so far away!
Keith, Maureen, Lauren and Delainey Ferguson*

The Keith Ferguson Family - Friend of Larry's Son, Scott - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My sympathy to your family.*

Mary Lou (Kenny) Baldrice - Henderson, NV - Acquaintance - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *My sincerest condolences to you and your family, Scott.*

Sylvester&Regina Kneeland Harrington - Grand Rapids, MI - Co-Worker - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Hello Aunt Kay, Kurt and Scott-

I'm sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Larry. I'm so glad I stopped to visit last summer and bring him some of our special smoked fish. I couldn't believe how much my dad and him looked a like. I've been thinking of you all and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Penny

Penny Milkey - Lake Linden, MI - niece - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Scott and Family,

During this difficult time, your GRCC family is holding you in their thoughts and prayers. We are there in spirit and hope you find comfort and peace as best you can.

Your GRCC Family

Sandy Lancaster - Grand Rapids, MI - GRCC colleague of Scott - May 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM