



Mark A. LeClaire

July 3, 1939 - January 4, 2016

Mark A. LeClaire, 76, of Kingsford, passed away on Monday, January 4, 2016 at his home with his loving family by his side.

He was born July 3, 1939 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Raymond and Jeanette (Renning) LeClaire. Mark attended Iron Mountain High School and was a lifelong resident of the area. He married Kathryn Farley on October 17, 1959 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. In his early years, Mark and his brothers worked for their father at the family business, City Bakery. He then owned and operated Mark's Mobil Service Station on the north side of Iron Mountain for several years. Mark also was employed by the City of Kingsford Dept. of Public Works for 26 years, retiring in 1995. In retirement he worked part time for Blagec Brothers for 15 years. He was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford where he served as an usher. Mark was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding ATV's and spending time at camp Pee Wee. He also enjoyed trips to the casino and watching old Western films. He was quite the jokester who loved to tease and make people laugh. He also was quite the magician who entertained and intrigued both the young and the old who could pull a quarter out of anyone's ear and perform multiple card tricks. Most of all, Mark loved spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren and grandpups, Max, Skippy, Hunter and Kaiya. His constant companion, Max, thoroughly enjoyed taking daily rides to Lodal Park and many walks with his

papa.

Mark is survived by his wife of 56 years, Kay; a daughter, Sue (Ken) Coombe of Iron Mountain; two sons, Mark S. LeClaire (friend, Melinda) of Iron Mountain and Patrick (Tina) LeClaire of Kingsford; seven grandchildren, Jennifer (Josh) Iverson, Kenneth H. Coombe III, Stephanie LeClaire (Josh Fruik), Rebecca LeClaire (Kyle Sexton), Kevin LeClaire, Nicole LeClaire and Nolan LeClaire; one great grandson, baby boy Iverson, who is on the way; two brothers, Ronald (Rosemary) LeClaire and Gary (Jodi) LeClaire; two sisters, Nancy (John) Patzke of Menominee Falls, WI and Cheryle Fredrickson of DePere, WI; a sister-in-law; Marlene (Joe) Ciochetto; former daughter-in-law, Laura Olson; and several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law and extended family.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara (Bob) Peterson; a brother, Ray "Peewee" LeClaire; an infant brother, Duane; and a sister-in-law, Patsy LeClaire.

Visitation will be from 8:30 to 10:30 am on Friday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Coombe, Nolan, Kevin, David and Jeff LeClaire, and Jerry, Robert and Jamie Farley.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family who will establish a memorial at American Martyrs Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mark LeClaire online

atwww.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

BO

“ Kay, sorry for your loss. *Bea St. Onge*

Bea St Onge - January 13, 2016 at 07:26 AM

PJ

“ Dear Kay and family so sorry for the loss of your dear husband,father and grandfather.
Prayers for peace and comfort . .Paula Johnson

paula johnson - January 10, 2016 at 04:53 PM

RF

“ My family would like to send sincere condolences to the LeClaire family for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort and hope from the bible promise at Isaiah 25:8. Pray constantly, avoid isolation, and lean on God as you cope during this most difficult time.

Richardson Family - January 09, 2016 at 02:46 AM

 Tina
Tappy

“ Dearest Kay and Loved Ones
*Paul and I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Mark. You two are amazing people, friends and former neighbors who always help others. May God embrace all of Marks family at this painful time, and wrap you all in a cloak of his love and compassion. Fly with the Angels, Mark. You will be deeply missed. Love In Christ
Tina & Paul*

Tina Tappy - January 08, 2016 at 03:52 PM

SJ

“ Dear Kay and Family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. That picture is exactly how I remember him. Love and {{{hugs}}}

Rick and Sharon (Juopperi) Dasko

Sharon Juopperi - January 08, 2016 at 11:47 AM

KS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the LeClaire Family. May the memories you have help ease your loss. He truly was blessed to have a loving family. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face and he always had something to brag about regarding his grandkids!

Love,

Kellie Sexton

Kellie Sexton - January 08, 2016 at 08:01 AM

TF

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to you at this time. You're all in our thoughts and prayers.

Timm, Mary, and Brooke Fornetti - January 07, 2016 at 10:59 PM

PD

“ sorry about your loss

Pam Dupuis - January 07, 2016 at 04:15 PM



“ 4 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - January 07, 2016 at 12:05 PM

JS

He was loved and he loved back. Great grandfather to my grandchildren, they and rest will miss him so very much.

Jim and Rose Schultz - January 07, 2016 at 11:41 PM

EF

“ *In the difficult days to come, may the memories of Mark give you comfort until the words of Isaiah 35:5,6 are fulfilled.*

Eisbrenner family - January 07, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark A. LeClaire.*



January 07, 2016 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Kay and all your family. Mark was one of the nicest people we have ever met. Always a smile and something nice to say. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, Sally and Vern Sawall

Sally Sawall - January 07, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mark A. LeClaire.



January 06, 2016 at 06:04 PM

GB

“ Mark was a happy stand up guy who made a person feel better despite their problems. I never knew him without his smile and encouraging attitude. He will be missed but always remembered. My sympathies Kay.

George Bertoldi

George Bertoldi - January 06, 2016 at 04:39 PM



“ 146 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - January 06, 2016 at 02:51 PM

DT

“ *Kay is my cousin and I have many memories of Mark being the jokester. One that comes to mind is cleaning out my Uncle Jim's house. I was taking the breadmaker and Mark was coming up from the basement. He had in his arms a big roll of paper. He stated to me that it was next to the breadmaker and so it goes with it. I just went right along with him and let him put it in my car. Well he got rid of one more thing. The other one is the story of him playing on my sister Joanne at their house. She was sitting on the couch and he came up from behind playing with her hair. She thought something was in her hair because she could not see him. You surely will be missed Mark.*

My heart aches for all of the family. I will not be able to be there for the funeral but know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you all -- Kay, Sue, Pat and Mark and all the other many many friends and relatives.

*Diane Welhouse Taylor
Neenah, Wisconsin*

Diane Taylor - January 06, 2016 at 01:04 PM

DL

“ In the Bible, God has promised us eternal life for those who believe.

On earth, God has provided us eternal life through memories.

Uncle Mark - THANK YOU for countless memories! I am Blessed to have you as an Uncle, Godfather, and 2nd Dad. The tears on my keyboard as I type this tribute is a testament to YOU and the person you were to so many people.

The jokes, card tricks, late night trout fishing expeditions...etc and legacy you imprinted on my heart are things that I find myself doing to make my own children and grandchildren laugh/smile - THANK YOU!

A quarter is not just 25 cents....because of you, a simple quarter represents many belly laughs, practical jokes and compensation for scratching your back. THANK YOU!

Being accepted as a child into an adult world of billiards, playing Smear, fishing on Lake Michigan at 7 yrs of age are treasured memories - THANK YOU!

Helping me fix my car when I knew my mother and father would kick my butt - THANK YOU!

Fishing for Rainbow trout on a Friday night and telling me to take my McDonald's uniform in order for me to make my 5am shift because the fish were biting so good...we caught our limit twice that night - THANK YOU!

Laying on the floor together on a Friday night watching TV eating an entire bag of OREOs and then asking me if I wanted an apple. - THANK YOU!

.....the memories are truly countless - you will forever live in our hearts!

Until we meet again Uncle Mark - THANK YOU!!

David LeClaire - January 06, 2016 at 11:54 AM



Beautiful tribute!

Theresa Proudfit - January 06, 2016 at 12:43 PM

DT

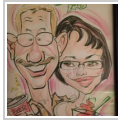
Very nice memories David.

Diane Taylor - January 06, 2016 at 01:06 PM

CF

Dad and I cried reading this together David, so beautiful.

Cheryle Fredrickson - January 06, 2016 at 02:25 PM



That was the best trip down memory lane I have experienced in a longtime. Thanks to whomever took the time to post all the photos. I am going to miss Uncle Mark as will everyone. He was one in a million. Thanks to God for blessing us all with him being part of our lives. Shine on all of us from the heavens above. Give my mama a big hug and kiss!

Kristine Armitage - January 06, 2016 at 04:05 PM

AF

Beautiful tribute Dave! ❤️

Angela Ferrell - January 06, 2016 at 08:39 PM

MF

Unless Mark was the ultimate uncle anyone could ever have or experience, especially as a child or young man. David, you stated His life and love so very well. Thank you for expressing the true love Uncle Mark shared with all of us. God bless Uncle Mark and thank you David.

Michael Farley - January 13, 2016 at 09:05 PM



Theresa Proudfit

“ Uncle Mark, Always smiling. My only alliance on the war between Packers and Bears. When I stopped to visit him just before Christmas the first thing he mentioned was seeing my daughter in a Packer dress. I promised him I would try harder to convince Kalli the Chicago Bears were the only team to root for. I always enjoyed playing smear with Uncle Mark at the Fourth of July picnics and he bought squares in my super bowl pool every year. When he won big, he tipped me well. Very generous, fun loving, big hearted, hell of a good guy. Peace and love to Auntie Kay, Susie, Ken and family, Pat, Tina and family, Mark Jr and everyone who has been touched by this big loss. I would love to tell Uncle Mark to 'Rest in Peace' but I doubt he'll be able to do that with the crew he has waiting for him in heaven. <3

Theresa Proudfit - January 06, 2016 at 09:57 AM

DL

You nailed it Theresa! Thanks for sharing.

David LeClaire - January 06, 2016 at 02:04 PM