



## Patrick Rice

December 11, 1937 - December 11, 2004

"Patrick Rice"

HARDWOOD - Patrick N. Rice, 67, of Hardwood, died Saturday evening at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital.

He was born Feb. 13, 1937, in Gulliver, the son of the late Robert and Ella (Rodgers) Rice. Patrick graduated from Manistique High School in 1955 and from Michigan Tech with an associate degree in forestry.

He married Shirley Swanson on March 19, 1957, in Manistique. He had worked for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 32 years as a forest technician, retiring in 1997.

Patrick was instrumental in helping to organize the Nordic Ambulance and Breen Township Volunteer Fire Department. He served on the Breen Township Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years.

Patrick enjoyed going to camp and playing cards with his camp buddies, and he enjoyed four wheeling and being in the woods.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; four children, Michael (Pamela) Rice of Florence, Wis., Patti (Erv) Kittelson of Norway, Tammy (Gregory) Harris of Wilson and Mark (Christine) Rice of Iron Mountain; two sisters, Martha (Don)Duquette of Holland, lower Michigan and Jackie (Pat) Davis of Simpsonville, S.C.; 10 grandchildren; David, Celeste, Tiffany, Nicholas, Allie, Stephanie, Michaela, Alex, Zachary, and Morgan.

Patrick was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Michael Rice; and one sister; Margaret Nord.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Nordic Ambulance.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Patrick N. Rice online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Shirly, Mike, Patti, Tammy, Mark;*

*I'm so sorry to hear about Pat. He was a good friend/mentor, and I will miss him. I wish I could be there with you in your time of grief, but my thoughts and prayers will be with you all.*

*I will always look back and remember great times with your family, your home always welcomed me and I thank you for all the great memories I have with Pat and you all. Pat will be missed, take care and god bless, Love Dennis*

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**Dennis Sanders** - December 15, 2004 at 12:00 AM