



Paul R. Rice

January 24, 1956 - December 13, 2013

Paul R. Rice, 57, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, December 13, 2013 at his home.

He was born July 24, 1956 in Iron Mountain, the son of Lois (Mainville) Rice and the late Robert Rice. Paul graduated from Kingsford High School in 1974 and was a lifelong resident of the area. He was a co-owner of Northern Supply with his brothers, primarily handling sales of auto parts and industrial abrasives.

Paul was a sports enthusiast enjoying basketball, touch football, weightlifting and fitness training until into his early thirties when an untimely back injury curtailed him from further participation. Paul continued to enjoy bicycling and swimming up to the time of his passing. Any day that the Menominee River was not ice-covered, Paul was sure to go for a swim. In addition to participating in sports, Paul enjoyed watching his nephews Bob, Ryan and Jim participate in sports; from their first youth soccer and baseball games through their Kingsford High School football games and wrestling meets. Paul also enjoyed watching his friends and cousins children participate in sporting events. If he could not attend an event, he was sure to listen to the radio and read highlights in the newspaper. In addition to being an avid Kingsford Flivver Fan, Paul was also an MSU Spartans and Green Bay Packers Fan. Paul enjoyed the outdoors and his home on the Menominee River, spending time

on his pontoon boat and canoe during the summer months. Each fall, he would follow his love of the outdoors to his brother Randy's hunting camp in Amasa, MI. Paul would work his fall schedule to maximize time spent at camp, where he could be found hunting, fishing, picking berries, cooking and grilling.

In recent years Paul became interested in natural health benefits available from trees local to his surroundings. He began talking about the natural, medicinal benefits of Chaga, a mushroom-type growth found on specific trees in the area. Paul became a local 'expert' on the non-disruptive harvest of Chaga from local trees and he worked to ensure his family and friends always had an abundant supply on hand. His Mom's nightly pot of tea always includes the healthful black tea/Chaga brew.

Paul also enjoyed taking the occasional trip to the casino with friends.

He is survived by his mother, Lois of Kingsford; two brothers, Randy Rice of Kingsford and Terry (Tina) Rice of Iron Mountain; two sisters, Julie Rice (John Bushmaker) of Wisconsin Rapids and Sue Rice of Neenah, WI; two nephews, Bob and Jim Rice; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his father, Paul was preceded in death by his nephew, Ryan Rice.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00am at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00am at the church.

Fr. Mike Woempner will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Paul's memory.

Condolences to the family of Paul Rice may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2
Iron Mountain, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Memorial Mass

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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432 Edsel
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ everyone that new Paul he was a fighter he never give up i loved Paul like my brother. he had a smile and laugh like no other, hansom girls chased him, my sister Kathy Branz were together for years. he treated her like a perfect Gentelmen. Paul was also kind and loving to those people who were less fortunate. Please forgive me all of the rice family for not being there too. Paul was a great basketball player could shoot from 3 points never missed. He would come to all my NMU football games Roy Brown myself Mike Branz Scott Mc Guire etc etc ill miss you Paul Rice,In body but never in spirit. Your Brother friend God bless you Paul He loves you and ill talk to you in my prayers.



PS: Michael Branz and many many friends

Michael Branz - March 19, 2024 at 11:24 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had been out of touch and did not know. I would have been at the service to show my respects. Paul was a good friend. My boys called him uncle Paulie. We always stopped when on the 4 wheelers, or in the boat and he would stick his hand in the air and yell Mulk! He was always good to see. He was so honest in his conversation, and had a caring soul. He would talk to my kids and really listen to what they had to say. He would always hold their attention because they would never know when he would dive off the roof of his house into the river. My kids were on the swim team for years and shared that interest with Paul. He was the most natural swimmer I had ever seen. When he entrusted me and my boys to take Grizzly, we were honored to have that privilege. We think of Paul often, and will miss him very much.

Steve Mulka - January 17, 2014 at 02:45 PM

TV

“ To Lois, R.L., Terry, Julie, Sue & Family Paul was really great person. He had a way about himself that would truly special. He lived his life to its fullest. The Ruffed grouse can rest now. Reminds me of a meal of grouse at the table Lois had prepared that Paul had harvested. My dad reminded me of the time we were out of town for the holidays and we were expecting to have to shovel when we got home. But one a Angel had plowed us out. He revealed himself and it was Paul. Dad remembers swimming at the community center with Paul. We all thought a great deal for Paul & the whole family. You are in our prayers

Todd Varda - January 02, 2014 at 11:05 AM

MK

“ *Mary Amd Bob Knoke lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice*



Mary amd Bob Knoke - December 18, 2013 at 04:28 PM

BH

“ *Our sympathy...We'll miss his big smile and wave as he passes our house.His neighbors, The Hiatt's.*

Butch Hiatt - December 17, 2013 at 07:38 PM

KR

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My deepest sympathy.*
Kevin Romitti

kevin romitti - December 17, 2013 at 04:37 PM

TV

“ *What a beautiful picture of Paul. I never realized how much he looks like Julie. My heart breaks for your family and all the heart break you have endured in such a short time. I am so sorry for all that you have been through. There are so many people praying for you in Traverse City. You are loved so much and will continue to be lifted up in prayer. With much love from Bill and Tammy VanVreede and Family*

Tammy VanVreede - December 17, 2013 at 12:23 PM

SL

“ Scott And Kelly Lutey lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice



Scott and Kelly Lutey - December 17, 2013 at 12:12 PM

KS

“ Paul played basketball on our team in 6th grade in the winter Olympics. He was the best basketball player on the Westwood team. I am so sorry to hear of his passing



Kenneth D Salli - December 17, 2013 at 10:09 AM

AR

“ Alice (Ouimette) Reed lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice



Alice (Ouimette) Reed - December 17, 2013 at 12:38 AM

SE

“ Sue Edwards lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice



Sue Edwards - December 16, 2013 at 08:16 PM

SE

Rice Family, My heart is heavy as I read of Paul's passing. His picture portrays the beautiful smile he always had for everyone but it does not compare to his beautiful heart inside. I have many great memories of Paul and the big bear hugs he always had for me. Every time he called the house or I saw him he had a fun story to tell, oh the stories he could tell, as only Paulie could tell. He and Dan had lots of fun fishing and hunting adventures and we all had lots of fun down on the river. Our sincere sympathy to all of the family and know we will always cherish the great memories we have of our dear friend Paul.

Sue Edwards - December 16, 2013 at 08:42 PM



I Love You Paul Rice now in Spirt, you will never be forgotten I will talk to you every day Paul help the People that needed help. Paul Rice will be missed im devoting my drive to walk talk with no foul languge. hes my brother thanks pete

Michael Branz - March 19, 2024 at 11:37 AM

LS

“ We where so sorry to hear of Paul's passing. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this time.Please except our sincere sympathy.

Jeff and Lana Stevens

Lana Stevens - December 16, 2013 at 08:06 PM

CC

“ Paul was a good friend and willing to do any thing to help anyone. He was a true mountain man , living off the land and respecting the environment. Please acceopt our sincere sympathy. We will miss him as we know, you his family will. Carl Reinighaus and Chris Cook

Carl Reinighaus and Chris Cook - December 16, 2013 at 07:37 PM

LS

“ Lynn (Bouffiou) Stohl lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice



Lynn (Bouffiou) Stohl - December 16, 2013 at 07:32 PM

LS

May God bless you in your time of sorrow. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Lynn (Bouffiou) Stohl - December 16, 2013 at 07:35 PM

KQ

“ Kathy Querio lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice



kathy querio - December 16, 2013 at 06:55 PM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. What a nice, handsome picture of Paul and a very nice write-up of his life. I pray that our Lord Jesus helps you through this sorrowful time. My thoughts are with all of you.

Carol Bartolameolli - December 16, 2013 at 06:02 PM

CB

“ *Carol Bartolameolli lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice*



Carol Bartolameolli - December 16, 2013 at 05:58 PM

AH

“ *To the Rice family... I was saddened to read of Paul's untimely passing today. He and your entire family were always very nice to me when I was a regular customer at Northern Auto Parts, many years ago. I hope that every one is at peace.*
Allan Huntley, Bartlett, Tn.

Allan Huntley - December 16, 2013 at 04:00 PM

MN

“ *Matt Nash lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice*



Matt Nash - December 16, 2013 at 01:41 PM

BA

“ *Brian Adams lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice*



Brian Adams - December 16, 2013 at 01:29 PM



Pamela
McCandle

“ *Pamela McCandleless lit a candle in memory of Paul R. Rice*



Pamela McCandleless - December 16, 2013 at 01:14 PM