



## Richard Fontaine

January 4, 1950 - February 21, 2012

Richard "Rich" Fontaine

Richard M. Fontaine, 62, of White Birch Village, Iron Mountain, died on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at his home after a lengthy illness. Rich was born on January 4, 1950 in Minneapolis, Minnesota the son of Lauier and Helen (Sargent) Fontaine.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in January of 1969.

Rich has been a resident of this area for the past ten years coming from Sault Ste. Marie. he was an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings and the Minnesota Vikings. Over the years he enjoyed hunting, fishing and golf. He will be especially missed by his cat.

Rich is survived by his brothers and sisters, David (Patti) Fontaine of Alpena, Normand (Kristine) Fontaine of Green Bay, Lurn (Gina) Fontaine of Peshtigo, WI, Julie (David) Weir of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Laurel (Jim) Yankovich of Chassel, MI, Laurie Wedin of Iron Mountain and Debbie (Mark) Fleming of Kingsford. Also by many nieces and nephews.

Private memorial services will be taking place in Sault Ste. Marie at a later date. Burial will be in the Pine Grove Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie.

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

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



# Tribute Wall

TK

“ *Rest in peace, Rich and may the memories of you all be good ones.*

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**Thea Specht Kester** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I will not Forget Rich or the kindness he showed to me and my young Son Matt.*

*He drove out to where we resided with a friend one summer morning. I had been completely painting the outside of our house. I could not reach the very upper portion of the house to complete the painting.*

*Between Rich & His Friend--the painting was completed.*

*Rich is a really good person with--- a Kind Caring Loving Helpful Thoughtful Man. I enjoyed Rich very much and yes he always made me laugh and put a big smile on my face with his personality.*

*I know that Rich's gentle loving Spirit will travel on to a much higher dimension of life.*

*You are greatly loved Rich and My Prayers are with Your Rich & All Your Loved Ones.*

*Shine Bright in Heaven Rich---I Know You Will!*

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**Ann Marie Brunk - Cedarville, MI - Friend** - February 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ There are many stories I can tell about my brother. Most of these are best told in the company of family and friends with a beer in hand.

*I will say that Rich felt things deeply. There are two sides to this coin but the best thing for me was his ability to make me laugh. This is a gift that is all too rare to find in people but he had it.*

*I don't think I'll ever laugh like that again....in this life.*

*For those who would like know more about Rich, check out the lyrics to Jackson Browne's "Doctor My Eyes" This was one of his favorite songs.*

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**Dave Fontaine - Alpena, MI - brother** - February 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ I always thought Uncle Rich was the "cool" uncle because of all the tattoos :). Don't worry, I love all my uncles equally lol. I loved his attitude and personality. He will be greatly missed but his life will be celebrated. I couldn't ask for a better family than the one I have. I love you all. I love you uncle Rich. Give grandma and grandpa a big hug from me!

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**Jessica Alexander - Sault Ste. Marie, MI - neice** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I want to express my sincere sympathy to the entire family. I cared for his beloved cat, CaCa when he needed me. HE was always so appreciative of my services for him while he was away. I will always always remember him for his kindness and sweetness about him- HE's at rest now- May the LOrd wrap his loving arms around him and give him peace that he so deserves... LOVE you Rich !!

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**Gloria and Tom Burlo - Iron Mountain, MI - caregiver to his beloved cat** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Norm, Lauren and Family. You have my most sincere sympathy in your loss of Rich. He was a good friend and fellow Vet who just had a tough time like many do. But I will always remember him. Rich - God Bless You!!  
At Ease Soldier, You are Dismissed!! He and your Dad are now shooting a game of Pool, possibly with Garth Dean and Bimbo watching.

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**Dick Dabb - Coconut Creek, FL - Friend and fellow Vet.** - February 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ When i was gorwing up in Iron Mountain, my Uncle Richie had me believing he had two robots living in the back of his truck. I'll always remember that. I'll Miss you Uncle Richie.

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**Michael L. Fontaine - peshtigo, WI - nephew** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I hope God is a Viking fan...

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**Laurn Fontaine - Peshtigo, WI - Brother** - February 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM