



Russel "Pete" Curtis

January 17, 1939 - January 22, 2019

Russel "Pete" Curtis,

On January 22, God started Pete on his great adventure. He left surrounded by his family, and the love and prayers of his friends. His life was one adventure after another. He started working when he was 12, he had 3 paper routes and set pins at a bowling alley, went into the air force when he was 17 for four years, and was stationed in Alaska when it became a state. Then went to Texas until he was discharged.

Loves of his life; his wife of 58 years, Carol; daughters, Marie (Kevin) French, Tracy (Sean) See; grandson Bryce French; brothers, Danny (Diane) Curtiss and brother in law, John (Barbara) Raffin.

Loved learning, especially science. Went back to school and finished high school, then went on to finish college: a B.S. degree with a double major in Business Administration and Economics, all in 4 years while working 40 hours a week at Eagle Tool as a machinist. Went on to get his CPM while he worked at the Niagara Mill as a Purchasing Agent- became a SCUBA instructor, owned Adventure Sports, retired from Lakeshore.

Loved people, enjoyed his time at camp with his brothers in law, Jack and Bob Raffin, loved the camaraderie of all of the fellows in surrounding camps and admired how everybody cared about and helped each other. Loved Travel; got to take his dream trips to Australia, Austria, England, Germany, Italy and Canada. Then went to the states, mainly Florida, California and Myrtle Beach where he could golf with his son in laws and friends. Loved his friends: All of

them, especially Joe Lerschen and Roger Marinich, his Wednesday lunch buddies, Mike and Jeanne Schalz and Clive and Sandra Giles were very special to him. He loved the time with his girls, even making Saturday breakfast dates so they could spend time together while he was in school. Loved teaching, from SCUBA diving to CCD. His grandson, Bryce opened the door to many adventures, from going to camp, learning how to shoot walks in the woods, making things together, going to school events, traveling, just spending time and being very thankful for him. Loved Halloween parties, was an annual event for 25 years.

In addition to his parents, Veletta Thomas and Russell Curtiss, he suffered the loss of his sister, Kathleen and brother in law Robert Raffin.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Jan. 29th from 9:00-10:30am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 11:00am at Immaculate Conception Church. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Condolences to the family of Russel "Pete" Curtis may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

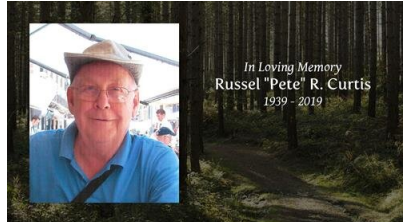
JAN 29. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Russel "Pete" Curtis*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - January 29, 2019 at 03:22 PM

BM

“ *Last dive of the year 31DEC1975, Pequaming Bay, Michigan. Thanks Pete!*

Condolences Carol, Marie, Tracy and other family and friends.

*Warmest regards,
Bill Meyers*

Bill Meyers - January 30, 2019 at 04:24 PM

TS

Thanks, Bill. Those were some cold dives. I remember him taking a thermos of hot water to pour into his wet suit. The L'Anse area and Copper Country were his favorite places to dive.

Tracy Curtis See - February 09, 2019 at 05:32 PM

MS

“ We send our deepest sympathy on the death of Pete. He delivered papers to Martha’s parents in 25 location as a young man. May your fond memories carry you through your grief. Martha and Bob Schinderle

Martha and Bob Schinderle - January 28, 2019 at 03:53 PM

TS

Thank you for remembering him.

Tracy Curtis See - February 09, 2019 at 05:34 PM

VR

“ Vince and Diane Roell purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Russel "Pete" Curtis.



Vince and Diane Roell - January 27, 2019 at 02:58 PM

SN

“ So sorry. I remember many good times with Pete and Carol at their home in Iron Mountain.

Susan Noakes - January 27, 2019 at 09:00 AM

TS

Susan, I'm so sorry. I thought I responded sooner. Dad was almost as involved in Zonta as mom was. Good times...

Tracy See - May 01, 2019 at 11:38 PM

DS

“ Sorry to hear about Pete. He was my instructor back in the 70's. Was always a treat to go to his house and get air, or new equipment. He was fun to be around and share stories. The SCUBA class was always fun as well.

Dennis Sanders - January 26, 2019 at 11:17 AM

TS

Thanks for remembering him so fondly. He loved teaching those classes.

Tracy Curtis See - February 09, 2019 at 05:36 PM

DF

“ Diane and Marsh Collins and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Russel "Pete" Curtis.



Diane and Marsh Collins and Family - January 25, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Russel "Pete" Curtis.



January 24, 2019 at 08:47 PM

MB

“ My sympathy to you Carol and your daughters. Mary Lou Baldrica

Mary Lou Baldrica - January 24, 2019 at 08:37 AM

TS

Thank you, Mary Lou.

Tracy Curtis See - February 09, 2019 at 05:38 PM

AH

“Pete you will be so very missed. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors. We will miss sitting on the porch and chatting. We will help Carol with whatever she needs. Rest In Peace. Carol and family our prayers and hugs.

Andy and Amber Harrell - January 23, 2019 at 06:47 PM

TS

Thank you for everything. You've been a godsend.

Tracy Curtis See - February 09, 2019 at 05:41 PM

JF

“Julie Verrette and family purchased the America t
he Beautiful for the family of Russel "Pete" Curtis.



Julie Verrette and family - January 23, 2019 at 05:04 PM