



Russell "Russ" Nault

September 12, 1950 - February 17, 2011

Russell E. "Russ" Nault, 60, of Iron Mountain, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at his home surrounded by family.

Russ was born on September 12, 1950 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Francis and Verna (Moreau) Nault. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1968 and was a lifelong resident of the area. During his high school years, Russ began working at the Red Owl store bagging groceries. He continued his employment there for about 17 years working his way up to general merchandise manager. Russ married Joyce Alfredson on May 20, 1978 in Iron Mountain. Around 1983, Russ took a position with Federal Express and continued working there for 25 years, retiring in 2008. He was a volunteer for the Dickinson County Cancer Unit and an active member of the Community Bible Chapel in Norway. Russ was on the missions committee and was the longest serving elder at the bible chapel. He organized the church baseball league and enjoyed playing for seven years. Russ also enjoyed deer hunting, trout fishing, going to camp with his son and brother-in-law and most of all, spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; a son, Andrew (Heidi) Nault of Silver Cliff, WI; a daughter, Christina (Steven) Bartolac of Appleton, WI; three grandchildren, Greta Nault, Jack and Brooke Bartolac; a sister, Julie (Alden)

Plude of Iron Mountain; mother-in-law, Ella Alfredson of Kingsford; a special cousin, Joanne LaPointe of Iron Mountain; and several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Russ was also preceded in death by an infant son, Francis Iver Nault and his father-in-law, Iver Alfredson.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain, and on Monday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Community Bible Chapel in Norway.

The funeral service will follow on Monday at 1 p.m. at the church. Pastor Lonnie Wilson will officiate.

Burial will take place in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet or the missions at the Community Bible Chapel.

Condolences to the family of Russell "Russ" Nault may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

FEB 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Communtiy Bible Chapel
W6507 US 2
Norway, MI 49870

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Communtiy Bible Chapel
W6507 US 2
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall

PM

“ Dear Joyce and family,
I have been praying for you. May God grant you peace. Russ was a dear man.

Paula Johnson - Iron Mountain, MI - February 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Joyce, Ella, and Family,

We are so sorry at your loss. May God be with you at this difficult time.

Randy and Jan Van Gasse and Family

Randy and Jan Van Gasse - Norway, MI - Friend - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Joyce and family:

We have been praying for your family during Russ's illness. We trust that God will give you strength and uphold you during this difficult time. Mom (Thelma) has many memories of your entire family as you shared together in the same church family for many years. She sends her love and would like to be there to give you hugs in person. We will be praying for you in a special way. Thelma, Mike and Judy

Thelma Funderburg, Mike & Judy Ostrander - Niles,, MI - Friends - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Russ and I both worked at the Red Owl Supermarket in Iron Mountain during 1969-72, and I have good memories of Russ from that time. May God comfort you now with the sure hope of the resurrection that we have in Christ our Lord.

Robert Aho - Baraga, MI - Former co-worker at the Red Owl - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Joyce, and family,
Russ was a wonderful man and will be missed. We shared many hugs and prayers over the last few years. They will not be forgotten. The most treasured memories for both of us were the many Christmas (office) parties. Darrel and I were sure to try to sit next to you and Russ. We had some great conversations. Darrel has said that that's the way he will always remember Russ, with an upbeat passion for his life. He fought a great fight Joyce, and we will surely miss him. May God give you and your family strength and direction during this time. I will always be here, call if you need.. Love you..

Darrel and Cheryl Ehlinger - Norway, MI - friend - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Russ, a man with an open heart willing to love those God placed in his life. The emptiness will take a long time to fill. There are many memories shared with Russ. I remember Lake Ellen with Jon Edlund, Amby Swointek, Paul Jaedicki, Russ & myself. It was an interesting time. Russ was also generous not only with his time but with the things God gave him. A few years back he loaned me his four wheeler to get some cedar out of the woods. Last summer he loaned me his truck, trailer & four wheeler to spread horse manure on the pastures where we keep our horses. Russ knew the grace of God which he shared with others. My wife & I will miss him.

Anthony W. Adams - Quinnesec, MI - Brother in Christ - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *The day we got to Florida we learned Russ had begun his own adventure. So very sorry not to be there to honor him. Forgive us please.*

We confess to surprise that he left so quickly, and feel it is just like him want to spare you, his dearly loved family. We grieve his loss with you and know without a doubt that our Lord will be your protector and guide in the days ahead.

Our prayers are with you, Joyce, Christina, Andy and all the Alfredson/Nault family

Bob and Judy Carlsen - Norway, MI - Friend - February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *We send our love and compassion to you at this time of Russ' passing. Our confidence in the future is based firmly on the fact of what God has done for us in Christ. Because Christ is alive, we need not despair, no matter what our situation may be. For if we die with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. May God grant you His peace.*

Earle & Sara

Sara & Earle Hart - Carmel, IN - Friends of Jerry & Jan Alfredson - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *Andy and family i'm so sorry for your loss. God Bless.*

Rudy Vassar - friend of Andy - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Our condolences to Joyce and the family. Dave had the opportunity to personally meet a number of you during a motorcycle trip to the UP with Jerry. Dave was treated with great hospitality; he'll always remember your grace, kindness and goodness. Dave also noted that Russ and Dave's brother, Jake, shared the same birthday. God's blessings to you during this most difficult of times. "And in this fellowship, we enjoy the eternal life He promised us." 1 John 2:25.
Dave & Patti Quiring

Dave and Patti Quiring - Friends of Jerry/family - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I am sooo sorry for your loss..I've known Russ for over 50 years and have enjoyed his friendship always....I know how important family always was to him and I know what a great son,husband, father and grandfather he was cause he was the same way as a friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.....love, Mary Ann

Mary Ann (DeCarlo0 Hill - Waddell, AZ - classmate and friend - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mrs. Nault and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time! May God wrap His arms around each of you in love.

Janna (Bjorkman) Nordeman - Green Bay, WI - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Dear family....

Star and I only know Russ through his brother-in-law Jerry, and wife Jan. But, as members of the same small group at church, we care about each other, and the grief each other must bear at times. We thank our Lord for the promise of an eternity with Him. This promise is fulfilled in Russ' life right now. We... must wait. However, that does not do away with the sorrow and sense of loss to family and loved ones. May God bless each of you, and may your precious memories with Russ sustain you during the days ahead.

Our love to each of you.

Gordon and Star Rose

Gordon and Star Rose - Fishers, IN - Friend of Jerry and Jan Afredson -
February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

“ Dear Joyce, Christina, Steve, Jack, & Brooke, Andy, Heidi, & Greta, & all those that loved Russ as we did -- there are no words to express the loss of such a wonderful man. Russ was one of the kindest men we ever met. When we started at the Chapel, he was the one who went out of his way to include us and be sure we felt welcome -- we know he did this for many people. He had such a great impact on us. He & you, Joyce, mentored us spiritually and opened your home to anyone who wanted to attend the couples' Bilbe Study as well as counseling us and many others on financial affairs. He was indeed generous with the gifts and talents God blessed him with. We learned a great deal from both of you and the times we spent in your home. He was a family man who loved God and his wife, children, and grandchildren above everything and he didn't just talk it, he "walked it". He was such a fine example of a man loving his wife. He made no secret of his love for his wife -- and he demonstrated time and again by actions rather than just words (though we were witness to his many times of complimenting her and speaking of his love for her). He demonstrated his love when he took Ella into the home and helped care for her those years before she went to the nursing home. He was steadfast in his love and devotion when Andy had his accident. He was realistic and honest about stressful situations but he never faltered in his trust of our Lord. He was so brave and positive throughout his fight with cancer; such an inspiration and testimony to us and so many others! We were so very blessed to call him friend and will always keep him in our hearts with fond memories, love, and have become better human beings because of the things he taught us and the way he loved us. We share so deeply in your loss and if there is anything we can do, please let us know. May God keep you all in His loving arms in these difficult days ahead.

Pat & Mona Servia - Norway, MI - friend - February 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM