



## Steven Theisen

February 16, 2005

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IRON MOUNTAIN - Steven "T.I." Theisen, 48, of 728 E. Smith St., Iron Mountain, died unexpectedly of bacterial meningitis on Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2005, at his home.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1956, in Iron Mountain, the son of Wayne Theisen and the late Nancy (Stohl) Theisen.

Steve graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1974. He was a life long resident of this area and worked for Tousignant Drywall.

Steve was a longtime member of First Lutheran Church and the Carpenter's Local 1510. He was the current president of the West Randville Sportsman's Association, on the board of directors of the United Sportsman's Club, and a member of Buckmasters.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and enjoyed camp and the outdoors. Steve especially enjoyed spending time at camp WANATOSTKADA with his family, friends, and dog, Ozzy.

In past years, Steve was a drummer and played in several blues bands, and he enjoyed rock and roll music.

Steve loved family and was considered "real cool" by his nieces and nephews. He is survived by his son, Jesse Theisen of Kingsford; a special friend, Tammy Newingham of Kingsford; his father, Wayne of Randville; two brothers and one sister, Torvin (Pam) Theisen of Ontonagon, Kathy (Kevin) McCrary of Green Bay, Wis. and Daniel (Darlene) Theisen of Appleton, Wis.; many aunts,

uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 12 noon on Saturday at the church. Rev. Peter Jonas will officiate. Pallbearers will be members of the West Randville Sportsman Club, Bob Bouche, Kenny Bednarz, Dave and Mike Ceello, and Rick and Roy Nelson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Steve Theisen 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

MP

“ *Torv,How shocked we were to here of your brothers passing.Torv,You have been a good friend for a long time and if there is anything we can do let me know, we just found out ,I'm sorry we didn't know sooner. Our heart goes out to you, and our prayers will be with you.God bless you and yours.. Love Ya  
Maureen and Chuck Pasten Twin Cities Minnesota*

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**maureen@charles pasten** - April 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To my uncle Wayne and Cousins, Torv, Kathy and Danny:

*I would like to tell you that Stevie was not just my cousin, but one of my best friends for life and always will be.*

*We shared so much together as kids starting with Grandma Sue and Grandpa Doc at the Depot and moving across the river to camp Wanatostkada with Uncle Wayne and Aunty Nancy. I personally did so many things with Stevie that those memories and so many more will be cherished in my heart and mind forever.*

*Stevie was not only a great Hunter, Fisherman and all around Sportsman but the greatest father to his son Jesse who he Loved and cherished. Many people did not know much of their relationship, however he was so proud of Jesse and loved the time they spent together. Steve taught Jesse the importance of loving and caring for family and friends. For those of you who do not really know Jesse, one look at the boy and you can see Stevie's love, compassion, kindness, and good looks. Jesse also redeems the best quality of Stevie, which we all know is that great sense of humor and smile. Steve showed Jesse how to be free spirited and be himself with pride and honor, no matter where he goes.*

*I would like to personally thank everyone who celebrated Stevie's life and to let you all know that I believe that God needed him for a side job, taping and finishing a drywalling project. Well, we all know he has the best man for the job. :)*

*Stevie, I will miss you dearly and may the peace of the Lord be with you.*

*With all my Love and respect,*

*RAN (Rick Nelson your cousin and friend)*

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**Rick Nelson** - February 22, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Hi all,  
We were shocked when told of this tragedy. It was very unexpected  
and saddening.

*This reminded us of TI.*

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*They were looking for a lion,  
He came as a Lamb, and they missed Him.*

*They were looking for a warrior,  
He came as a Peacemaker, and they missed Him.*

*They were looking for a king,  
He came as a Servant, and they missed Him.*

*They were looking for a fit to their mold,  
He was the mold maker, and they missed Him.*

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*Kathy, Wayne, Torv and Dan you are in our hearts and our prayers.*

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**McCrary's (Seattle)** - February 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Uncle, Kathy, Torvy and Danny - We are so shocked to hear of  
Stevie's death. Wish we could have been there to Hug all of you.  
Please know we are thinking of you and keeping you in prayer. I can  
only think of Aunty Nancy and Grandma Sue smiling to have Stevie  
with them now. WE have 3 Angels looking over us now. We love  
you all very much!

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**Christy and Jerry Pierce** - February 20, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ On behalf of myself, my family, and the entire Tousignant Drywall "family", I'd like to offer heartfelt condolences to Steve's family. Having the opportunity to work with him over the past several years has been a great joy in addition to knowing him as a friend throughout the past decades. He was a skilled tradesman, an honest, reliable employee, but best of all a great guy and true friend. He affected everyone positively with his easy humor, quick wit, and charm. We all truly considered him "one of the family". We will miss him, and he will not be forgotten.  
God Bless.

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**Todd Tousignant** - February 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Although we did not know Steve, we send our deepest sympathies to his friends and family. It is so sad to hear of someone pass away before their time. God Bless you all. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Michael & Angela Adam** - February 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Wayne----- As a 1950-IMHS graduate, mother-Grandmother, we are deeply saddened by your losses these past few years. "TI" was a part of our sons' band (LONESOME\_LARRY-AND THE BLUE TONES". Steve not only had drumming talent, but his personality was free spirited, and admirable. Our entire family is saddened that these times shall not return for either TI-nor Larry, as he is now a parapalegic, fighting for his life, with crippling osteosarcoma (bone-cancer). On behalf of Larry-and Our entire family-May God Bless You-At This most difficult time.

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**DeloresHoverSecrist** - February 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. Steve was a wonderful man. I remember at the "Family Reunions" he was always a good time to be with, laughing, fishing and playing baseball. No body will have to go farther than the Great Outdoors to be with Steve. Steve, and the entire family are in my prayers, may God give you strength in this difficult time.

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**Caleb Dereski** - February 19, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I offer my condolences to Steve's family. Steve was the best pal a guy could ever have. The good times and good favors I owe him are too numerous to mention. Everybody loved Steve for his great disposition and sense of humor. He was also a terrific craftsman with a good eye for lines and skilled hands.

Steve was supposed to come to the snowmobile races with me this Saturday. We were returning to Weyauwega where we had such a good time a couple of years ago. Steve recently spent time building snow jumps for me and later laughing at a video of me landing on my head. He then had some great coaching advice that I've been following for the past week. Steve's insight was incredible. I don't know what the answers will be...but I'll be talking to Steve's spirit every moment this Saturday and every day for the rest of my life.

If we are judged by how much we change our world during our lifetimes, then the entire world owes Steve more laughter and kindness than all others who came before him. Any guy who knew him will spend the rest of a lifetime trying to be more like Steve.

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**john jacobs** - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Kathy and Family, Mike and I were so shocked to hear of Steves passing. We just couldn't believe it. It is so hard when it is someone still so young. We have so many wonderful memeories of T.I. Some of my oldest are when he dated Pam Metzler and he had the Pre-Prom Pary at his house. We all had a such a blast and that was almost 26 years ago! I remember him playing air guitar with the guys at his house and when he would play the drums. He did all the drywall work on the addition of our house as a side job. We still saw him from time to time at Maymes and would have a beer. He was always so fun to be around and a good friend. He is in a better place now with so many others who have passed away in recent years. He's probably having a beer with Joe Brew and Todd Bianco right now! I am so sorry that I can not attend the funeral tomorrow and see you Kathy but Mike will be able to be there. Keep all the wonderful memories of Steve close to you and he will always be with you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

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Lori (Ganz) Mellon - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My condolences to the entire family. I had met TI when I was a teenager and he was working with my brother Jeff. It was and instant friendship for us. I then moved away in 89 but I never came back to visit without seeing Steve at least once and of course having a beer with him became a ritual. Whether at his home or Maymes. Steve was a warm loving guy who I know touched everyone's heart that he came into contact with. He made me laugh no matter what the circumstances were. I lost my mother back in 1991 and of course Steve was right there to hold my hand. He even let me drive his Truck that day, which I know was his "baby" back then. I could talk about Steve's good nature forever. He will always be in my heart and thought of every day. And if I know Steve he is sitting back having a beer and wondering if the Packers are ever going to win the Superbowl again. God Bless the entire family.

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Jennifer Courney Harris - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ I don't think there could ever be the "right" words when you lose someone so dear as TI. His smile, his spirit, his spunk, his sweet attitude, his kind, loving and gentle ways, and his alpha-male animal magnitism...dear God how I shall miss him. I believe Steve would want us all to go on with a smile. I know that when I think of him in the future, his spirit will give me strength and it will bring a smile to my face. How fortunate I was to have known him for these short 32 years. God Bless you all and may God give you peace and understanding. My prayers are with the entire Theisen family.

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**Wendy Welty** - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Like everyone else, I was just shocked upon hearing of TI's passing. I got to know Steve when he dated my sister and he was like a big brother to my brothers and me. TI's quiet confidence and quick, comical wit always amazed me. He was always up for doing just about anything fun and interesting. He had the courage and lived through the experience of bear hunting with my brothers and me and became a trusty fellow when it came to catching the beagles after a long day of chasing rabbits around the swamp. TI's drawn out chuckle after successfully imitating someone's dialect or something inane that may've just occurred had a way of drawing everyone in around him. I can still picture him in that yellow Stroh's cap as he sat behind the wheel of his blue rust bucket Chevy pickup. And watching him vent his frustrations on the climbing hills behind the handlebars of his prized yellow Yamaha 400 was priceless. I will miss his warm kindness but knowing that his Mom has him home now, heaven is a better place. And by now I'm sure he's found the beer. We will all miss him dearly-

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**Tim Metzler** - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Family and Friends of Stevie: Rosemary Geronimi told me the news of Stevie's unexpected death and we are all in shock. My brother Dann was a close friend and Stevie was always around our family since we were children. I am very saddened to hear of his loss and send my prayers and thoughts to everyone at this very difficult time. God Bless everyone.

Darcy J. Geronimi  
Chesapeake, Virginia

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Darcy J. Geronimi - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Uncle Wayne & Dear Cousins,

I am so sorry for the loss of Stevie. Our family of cousins have always been very close even when some of us moved thousands of miles away. I will always remember my trips back home & making my Mexican meals & Stevie just loving them, it wasn't about the food it was about the love & laughter we all shared. Please know i send my love & prayers to you all. I find comfort in knowing Aunty Nancy & Grandma Sue were waiting for Stevie with open arms. Again know how much you all are loved by everyone.

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Carrie Jo (Nelson) Mellinger - February 18, 2005 at 12:00 AM