



Theodore D. Mattson

July 10, 1936 - January 2, 2023

Theodore D. "Ted" Mattson, 86, of Kingsford passed away Monday, January 2, 2023, at his home.

Ted was born July 10, 1936 in Niagara, WI, son of the late Walter and Julia (Pepara) Mattson. He graduated from Felch High School in 1955 and that same year he was the first young man from the Upper Peninsula to be named Michigan's Star Farmer at the 27th annual Future Farmers of America convention. Ted then proudly served his country for two years in the United States Army. He married Fanny Morris in April of 1968 in Jackson, MI. She preceded him in death in 2019. Ted's job at Phillips Petroleum Co. took them to Cadillac and Flint, until moving to the Lansing area in 1973. In 2002, they moved to Kingsford. For years, Ted and Fanny spent the better part of the winter in Islamorada, Fl. There they hosted friends and family, boating and teaching their nieces and nephews how to ocean fish and play cards. Warmer temperatures allowed for more cards, canoeing the Au Sable river and family time at the family cottage in Grayling, MI. He could always be counted on for a great joke and delighted in sharing them. Ted was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Metropolitan and a lifetime member of the Future Farmers of America. He was an active volunteer for many years and an avid sports fan, faithfully cheering on the MSU Spartans. Ted enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, reading, traveling with Fanny and drinking beer. Throughout his life, he never forgot where he came from, proudly displaying a Felch, Michigan

bumper sticker on every vehicle he drove.

Ted is survived by three sisters-in-law, Kay Mattson, Renee Wicklund and Ruth Ann Wicklund, one brother-in-law, Frank Morris, Jr., as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Ted was also preceded in death by his siblings, Carol (Jerry) Wickman, Laurence Mattson, John Mattson, and Donald & Ronald Wicklund.

Visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Thursday, January 12 at Zion Lutheran Church in Felch. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 am at the church. Rev. Lori Liverance will officiate. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Felch.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Theodore "Ted" Mattson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
W4703 Metropolitan Rd
Felch, MI 49831

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TD

“ I just found out about Teddys passing. Our family is so sad to learn of his passing. Teddy liked to take walks and he would stop and pet our dog Sariah and we became good friends. My four daughters always liked looking out for him in the morning. We just talked at Christmas when he gave us his annual gift of dried fruit for Christmas and was always so thoughtful! He will be greatly missed by our family.



Terilyn Darley - April 06, 2023 at 06:03 PM

MF

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ted and Fanny when I came back to the Upper Peninsula. They were both great to be around.

I remember on one visit, I asked Ted where we were going for dinner. In his bold fashion, he replied ... "we're going to Solberg's in Felch ... for smelt!" We had a great time. The last time I had a smelt dinner prior to that was when I was quite young.

Ted was one of a kind. He was full of humor and of course a wealth of information about my old stomping grounds (i.e. Iron Mountain and the Felch area).

You will be missed dear cousin. But we will see you and Fanny again in a much better place.

With love from my sister Marsha, Dick, and myself!

Marty Falstad

Marty Falstad - January 11, 2023 at 04:08 PM

MB

I just learned of Ted's passing. As a former friend and next door neighbor in Williamston, MI I still miss Ted and Fanny very much. A caring, loving couple. I hope to see you both again one day. Love always, Marion (Knowles) Baxter

Marion Knowles Baxter - February 07, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore D. Mattson.



January 11, 2023 at 07:52 AM

KB

“ Ted used to come in to CJ Graphics years back when I worked there. Loved to visit with him. He was a “treasure”. I am honored to have know him. Rest in peace Ted.

Kathy Butler - January 10, 2023 at 08:56 PM

PH

“ Pastor Geri Hamlen lit a candle in memory of Theodore D. Mattson



Pastor Geri Hamlen - January 09, 2023 at 03:14 PM

PH

Ted was a delightful man who enjoyed the people at Trinity United Methodist Church as much as we enjoyed him! His humor never failed and his friendship with so many of us was a gift. We wish you comfort in your grief. Peace. Pastor Geri

Pastor Geri Hamlen - January 09, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ ~Sue~ lit a candle in memory of Theodore D. Mattson



~Sue~ - January 09, 2023 at 08:07 AM



“ My name is Mike Lewis. I was a friend of Teds from the gym. He will be greatly missed by all of the morning gym goers. I always looked forward to seeing him and talking to him. I am truely sorry for your loss and feel the loss greatly myself. I will miss him.

Mike Lewis - January 08, 2023 at 02:59 PM