



Walter H. "Wally" Strand

December 11, 1943 - December 11, 2010

Walter H. "Wally" Strand, 67, of Iron Mountain passed away on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain. He was born on October 1, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan son of the late Walter and Ula (Parks) Strand. He attended the Iron Mountain Schools, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1961.

He married Nina Hansen at the First Presbyterian Church on July 20, 1968 in Iron Mountain. He worked at Grede Foundry from 1961 to 1971. And that time he went into business for himself and by taking over the ownership and operations of Hosking Tire from 1971 till it closed in 1989 with his partner Dick Anderson. He was a member of the Northland Beagle Club for many years and loved his dogs. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. It was always a race to see who could grow the first red tomato, himself or his son Rob. One of Walt's favorite things was to share his garden produce. Walt was known for his incredible generosity in all areas of his life. He planted a fruit tree in the yard each time a grandchild was born. Walt created driftwood decorations which he sold to pet stores and on line, and bred and sold tropical fish. He was an avid Tiger and Lions' fan, and the family is pretty sure he had a hand in the Lions victory over the Packers on Sunday!

Wally is survived by his loving wife of more than 42 years, Nina Strand of Iron Mountain, two sons, Rob (Regina) Strand of Las Vegas, NV, and Dave

(Tracie) Strand of Lake Orion, MI, three grandchildren, Josh, Ethan, and Ava Strand, one brother, Dennis (Janis) Strand of Kingsford, five sisters-in-law and brothers in-law, Darlene Strand (Terry) O'Connor of Iron Mountain, Lola (Ron) Johnson of Kingsford, Mary Mae (Michael) Lowe of Coos Bay, OR, Alan (Darlene) Hansen of Iron Mountain, and Noel (Carol) Hansen of Grafton, WI and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and cousins, and his dog and constant companion, Gus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William (Bill) Strand in 1993.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will follow at 5:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park. Walter's family will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Walter (Wally) Strand may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 5:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DC

“ To the family of Walter Strand:
From my very first email to the very last, I had found Walter to be a kind and generous person. I decided to continue to keep an aquarium in the classroom this year and I had thought to order more fish food flakes from Walter. The last order lasted years! I was very disappointed and sadden by the news of his passing. I am sure that Walter's kindness reached many people far from Iron Mountain. Peace be with you all,
Dave

David Tanaka - Rancho Santa Margarita, CA - customer - November 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *Nina and family,*

Know we are thinking of you during this time of grieving and adjustment.

We are very sorry to hear Wally passed away. We were not aware he was so ill.

Wally will be remembered as a great member of our community.

Take care. Gary

Gary and Evelyn Olson - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - December 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Hello Nina and boys. Sorry we were traveling so much and so far went Walt passed away. You have our condolences. Walt was a good friend and I remember some nice walleyes from Iron Cty. There are plenty of slate mines in eastern PA and everytime we went by them we thought of Walt and the bases he used on the driftwood designs. We also remember the trees and his flycatcher one summer. I heard the service was very well attended and that goes for Walt. Dennis Rahoi and Family

Dennis Rahoi - Iron Mountain, MI - Good Friend - December 23, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Nina and Family,
We are truly sorry to learn of Wally's death. Our sincere sympathy to you at this difficult time. We are only sorry we cannot be there with you. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Jack and Judy Beauchamp

Jack and Judy Beauchamp - Riverview, FL - Classmate - December 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Rob, Dave & Mrs. Strand I'm so VERY SORRY to hear of Walts passing. I hope you guys are all doing ok and my thoughts are with you in this super sad time :(I miss you all!

Amy Chant (Berdinner)

Amy Chant (Berdinner) - Family Friend - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time.

Alice and Gordy Reed - friends - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My deepest sympathies to Nina, Rob and David.*

My first residence after moving to Iron Mountain was next door to Nina and Walt Strand. Nina became a friend immediately and has remained a friend over the years. It was a pleasure watching the boys grow into the fine men they have become.

Sue Caarey - Scottsdale, AZ - Friend - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *I am very saddened to learn of "Wally's" passing. He was known to us at the Detroitlionsforum as Yooperman and affectionally called Yoop.*

Through the miracle of cyberspace he became a cherished member of our online community and I feel as if I knew him for most of my life. To me, he was a cherished friend that had a wonderfully unique sense of humor.

My heartfelt condolences to his entire family as I know you will miss him, as I surely will, even though our relationship was through the miracle of modern technology.

*Mark Scicluna
(Malto Marko)*

Mark Scicluna - Dearborn, MI - Friend - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dearest Nina, Dave, Rob and Family:

Our hearts are sadden and tears are flowing, we both loved Walt and know he is smiling down on you all. Life has its ups and downs but you could always count on a smile and laugh from Walt.

May time heal your sadness and bless your hearts with healing.

We wish we could give big hugs in person but we are in FL and cannot make it to his party. Please hug each other for us and remember We Love You!!

Mark & Jeanne Berdinner - Foster City, MI - friends - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Nina and Family,

I was very sad to hear the news about Walter. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time and wish I could have been there to give support in any small way that I could.

We have some wonderful memories to savor with the quick wit and sense of humor that Walter shared with all of us.

God Bless him and all of you.

*Lots of Love,
Joan*

Joan Kleino - Macomb, MI - Cousin - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Walt was a beloved member of our online community at *DetroitLionsForum.com*. He was very funny, always surprising me with his unique way of looking at things. Even when he typed a smiley face, he made it backwards from the rest of the world -- like (: instead of :) . I would tell him that his face was on backwards.

He shared some of his recent health problems with us at the Forum and we were very concerned, but he still had his terrific sense of humor and I so wanted to believe that things would work out for him.

I'm terribly saddened by his passing. I wish I had told him more recently what a great guy I considered him to be when I had the chance. I hope he can pull some strings for the Lions up where he is.

My condolences to his family. I'm so sorry for your big loss.

Deborah

Deborah G. - Dearborn, MI - Friend - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“Just learned of the sad loss of a wonderful classmate. Our thoughts are with Nina and family. We hope the great memories you have will help ease the pain.

Yelena and Jerry Zacks

Jerry Zacks - Fair Lawn, NJ - Former classmate - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I knew Walt as a member of the Detroit Lions Forum. His wit, humor and personality were always a welcome addition to "The Forum". I was always happy to see his posts and delighted in the humorous stories he related there. Although I never had the privilege of meeting Walt in person, I shall miss him and mourn his loss.

RIP my friend!

Steve White

Steve White - Friend - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My deepest sympathy to you, Nina, and your family. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cynthia Corsi-Gordon - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ nina and family, my condolences on wally's passing. my prayers are with you.

paul moroni - bark river , MI - friend - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Will always remember our fishing trips on the Ford River, near the Strand Camp East of Channing, and Merriman Creek, from Randville on towards IM. His Dad or mine would drop us off early in the morning and we'd fish our way South. Always ended up w/blisters from the hip-boots. Always caught a few brookies and enjoyed Smokie Links over an open fire along the RR tracks. Nina, you and the entire family are in our prayers.

Jim Dabb - Classmate/fishing partner - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

C"

“ Auntie Nina, Rob, & Dave,
I am so sorry for the loss of Uncle Walt. You are all in my thoughts
and prayers.
Love to you,
Cathy

Cathy (Johnson) Menza - "niece" - December 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ To the entire Strand Family. You have our sincere sympathy in your
loss of such a wonderful man. Always the kindest and most caring
person to everyone. I used to sit and listen to the Tiger game's on
the radio with Wally when I was a little guy, living on Brown Street.
Plus I went to school with Dennis. Walter is now going over
Baseball stats with Ernie Harwell and George Kell. May God Bless.

Richard & Gail Dabb - family friend for over 60 year's - December 14, 2010 at
12:00 AM