



Wayne Loar

June 2, 2007

RANDVILLE - Wayne Richard Loar, 61, of W8625 Carbis Road, Randville, died unexpectedly on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at his home.

Wayne was born Oct. 16, 1945, in Gary, Ind., son of Mayme "Marie" Hanson and the late Homer Loar.

Wayne joined the U.S. Army in January 1964 and went to Vietnam in December 1965. He was a paratrooper SP/4 and served with the 326th Engineering Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division where he received two Bronze Stars with a "V" for valor.

One of the Bronze Stars was for exemplary conduct in action while under enemy fire and the other for heroic action. He also was wounded in action and received a Purple Heart. After serving in the army, Wayne worked for his stepfather, Joseph LaJeunesse at Firm Plumbing and became a licensed plumber.

He moved away from the area and started working for General Motors in Janesville, Wis. and later transferred to G.M. in Oak Creek, Wis., where he retired from in 2001. Upon retiring, he moved back to the U.P. and bought a place in Randville. Wayne enjoyed fishing, hunting, and riding his Harley, which he toured the west with. Most of all, he enjoyed hanging out with his

family and friends. Wayne loved life and had many adventures which he loved to tell stories about.

He is survived by his son, Wayne Loar (Trish Johnson) of Kingsford; two granddaughters, Taylor and Kayla Loar of Burlington, Wis.; his mother, Mayme "Marie" LaJeunesse of Felch; significant other, Sue Kafka of Randville and her daughter, Megan; brothers, Larry (Patricia) Loar of Cudahy, Wis., Joseph (Sara) LaJeunesse of Manitowoc, Wis. and James LaJeunesse of Merriman; sisters, Mary Lou Rossato of Iron Mountain, Millie Ann LaJeunesse of Milwaukee, Wis. and Marie "Sissy" LaJeunesse of Felch; an aunt, Roberta "Bobby" (Gordon) Powell of Worthington, Ohio and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his father, Wayne was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Joseph LaJeunesse; two brothers, Paul and Martin Loar; and a brother-in-law, Mario Rossato.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate. Military graveside honors will be conducted by the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 on Thursday at 11 a.m. at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.

Pallbearers will be Doug Koller, John Bevilacqua, Gary Amen, Gary Powell, Duane Steinbeck and Jerry Galeazzi.

Condolences to the family of Wayne Loar can 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.

Tribute Wall

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“ When I knew Wayne, he could always put a smile on my face. We went on a lot of runs together and a few vacations too. He loved riding as much as I did and he was an awesome friend. I can think of SO many fun times we had together and I can't believe they are gone. I just recently heard of his passing and it broke my heart. I have a picture of him from a trip to Tomahawk, WI with a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face. I will look at it every day and feel blessed for knowing him. He helped me turn my life around and make the right decision. I LOVE YOU WAYNE!! - Cheryl W.

Cheryl W. - July 19, 2014 at 04:24 PM

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“ Although it has been three years since your passing, your face and loving embrace have never left me. I will always love you. I miss you my love! It took us a long time to find each other. You were my soul mate! Wish we could have had more time with each other, but ever moment we did was grand!!

Suzanne Kafka - Iron Mountain, MI - We Loved each other! - July 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Wayne's family & friends for your loss. I worked with Wayne at "AC" for several years & got to know him better when we were on 2nd shift together. I always respected & admired him for who he was. He was one of the quiet heros of our time.

Jim Hathaway - June 15, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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He was my papa

Kayla Loar - August 19, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ My deepest condolences go out to all of Wayne's family and friends. I will miss my cousin, and will always remember him for his kindness, good humor, and fun personality.

Steven Hanson - June 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ I want to tell all of you how much Wayne touched our lives. When Wayne was with Tammy I spent a lot of time at their house as a teenager and an adult. When I received my temps at 17 years old, Wayne took me out to practice driving and he had me driving backwards in figure 8s around lightpoles in a empty parking lot. Wayne bought me combat boots when I was 15, because I liked his so much, he said if I'd wear some, he'd buy them and he did. When my son, Cody, was born he needed a liver transplant and Wayne and Tammy stayed at the hospital with me in the waiting room to find out how the surgery went until 4:00 in the morning, knowing they had to be somewhere at 7:00 that morning. Wayne could have went home to sleep but he didn't he stayed and it meant the world. Wayne meant a lot to my son, Cody. "Uncle Wayne" to him. Cody is 13 now, but remembers "making bullets with Uncle Wayne", spending every Friday night at his house, polishing his batmobile while Wayne polished his Harley, the list goes on and on. Uncle Wayne was a very important part of Cody's life. Most recently, Cody sent Uncle Wayne a disk of him playing guitar and of his birthday party last year and I feel good knowing he enjoyed watching it. We will deeply miss him.

Cindee Kastner - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Never has a day gone by in the last 40 years that I have not thought of Wayne with love.

Roberta Beach Ochs - June 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM