



David Dale Dunning

July 26, 1944 - June 1, 2016

David Dale Dunning, 71, passed away Wednesday, June 1, 2016, in Northern Michigan, after a serious illness. He was born in Elgin, Illinois, on July 26, 1944 to Marine and Ralph Dunning.

Dave served his country as a proud member of the United States Navy from 1962 to 1965 on the USS Barry 933 which was stationed on the East Coast. He traveled on the USS Barry to many ports on the Mediterranean. Dave married Janet (nee Awe) in Genoa, Illinois, on July 29, 1967. In 1972, the couple moved to Michigan so that Dave could continue his career in the sales of industrial heating and cooling equipment. They lived near Lake St. Clair for the next 18 years where they raised their two daughters, Paula and Lorri.

Dave loved the Great Lakes. He and his family spent much of their free time boating and traveling to marinas throughout the State, including trips to the Les Cheneaux Islands where the family eventually purchased cabins on Hill Island. The family spent many of their summer weekends at the cabins enjoying the area.

Dave's career led him to opening a manufacturing company, where he was able to incorporate his patented technology in heating and cooling equipment for industrial manufacturing companies. After 10 years of running the company with his business partner, Dave retired to live permanently in Northern Michigan where the family purchased a 1940's Lodge for renovation.

The results of his dedication to the restoration of the home are a stunning Arts and Crafts Residence where he was able to showcase his woodworking, stained glass cabinetry and lighting, and metal work. His dreams were recognized when the Lodge became the place for his family and friends to gather to enjoy the beauty of the Les Cheneaux Islands and the splendor of the Dunning Lodge.

Dave is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter, Paula; grandsons Cam and Max; and brothers, Wayne (Bobbi) Dunning of Seymour, Missouri and Bruce Dunning of Huntsville, Alabama.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Glen Dunning; and his beloved daughter, Lorri.

The Dunning Family wants to acknowledge the wonderful support and sympathy given by the neighbors and friends who knew and loved Dave.

A memorial service will be scheduled later.

Tribute Wall



“ *David Dale Dunning*

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“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Dale Dunning.*



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“ *To Dave's family. We knew Dave because he came to our saw mill and bought a lot of wood for his building project at the "Lodge". He invited us to see his progress there and we had visited a couple of times. He had a wonderful vision for that home and it turned out excellent. We are glad we knew him. You all have our deepest sympathies at this time.*

Jill & Larry Lucy

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