



David William Garen

May 26, 1935 - September 24, 2024

David William Garen, age 89, of Rudyard, Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by his four children on September 24, 2024, and the Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on May 26, 1935, in Carrollton, Ohio, to John and Annie (Lake) Garen.

David worked for General Telephone after he graduated from high school. He met Janet Harris, who also worked for the telephone company, and they married on March 3, 1956. They started their family, while living in lower Michigan, until 1964, when they moved to the Eastern Upper Peninsula. After a couple of years, they settled in Rudyard.

David enjoyed gun collecting, going to shows, fixing guns and swapping them. He could be found on his tractor often, where he would be doing work around his property.

David is survived by his daughters, Iris (Rod) Jarvi and Gale (Jerome) LaJoice; son, Chester Garen; daughter, Darlene (Bill) Garen-Bradford; grandchildren, Daniel (Tina) Garen-Belleville, Preston (Brooke) Belleville, Kelsey (Keith) Hagerty, Chad (Kathy) LaJoice, Curt (Jill) LaJoice, Annie (Dustin) LaChapelle, Jeremy (Liza) LaJoice, Lauren Garen, Tonya Martens, Emily Martens, Jeannette Martens, Cole Garen, and Alicia Garen; great-grandchildren, Kylie, Jordan, Jerzie, Sebastian, Hunter, Zane, Abby, Ian,

Sophia, Alexandra, Justin, Jaymission, Ivy, and Israel; and one great-great-granddaughter.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Janet; daughter, Ardis Garen; son, George Garen; parents, John and Annie; and sons-in-law, Jerry Belleville and Jerome LaJoice.

Per David's wishes, no services are being held at this time.

Final Resting Place will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Family Life Funeral Homes assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall

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“ Hadn't seen or talked to Dave since we left Rudyard in the late 1970's. I worked at Bell System, and he was with Gen Tel. Swapped guns and a lot of stories. Will always remember the two Great Danes he had at the house when I would stop to talk. We never could figure out why they would let me pet them. So long Dave, we'll sit and talk again someday. My condolences to your family.

Ed English

EDWARD J ENGLISH - October 06, 2024 at 10:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David William Garen.



October 03, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Karnath family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David William Garen.

Karnath family - October 03, 2024 at 05:34 PM

JG

“ My Condolences to Uncle Dave's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I will always have fond memories of him --John Garen

John Garen - September 27, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DG

Thank you John

Darlene Garen - October 01, 2024 at 03:08 PM

RS

“ *David was always a very friendly man wherever you saw him he always said hi. He will be missed by many. He always liked to visit people I waited every year to see him at the Spring show in Stlgnace*

Robbie Simonsen - September 26, 2024 at 07:38 AM

DG

Thank you for your kind words

Darlene Garen - October 01, 2024 at 03:09 PM