



David Wade LaPonsie

June 21, 1950 - May 12, 2025

David Wade LaPonsie, age 74, of Brimley, Michigan, died at his home on May 12, 2025. He was born on June 21, 1950, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to William “Bill” and Myrtle (Williams) LaPonsie.

David began working in the family logging business around the age of fourteen, joining his father and brothers in a tradition that would later include his own sons. It was work that shaped much of his life and reflected his dedication to family and hard work. He met Linda Crisp and the two were married on August 31, 1973, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and family.

David had a lifelong passion for Mopars and Harley Davidsons, and he cherished the time he spent working on cars in his younger years. He also found deep contentment in life’s simpler pleasures — tending to his lawn and vegetable garden, taking scenic rides, feeding wild birds, and caring for his beloved chickens. More than anything, David treasured the time he spent with his grandchildren, who brought immense joy and meaning to his life.

David is survived by his sons, Shawn Jamison and Jason (Stacie) LaPonsie; significant other of seventeen years, Tracy Peffers; stepdaughter, Teresa Peffers; stepson, Kenneth Peffers; grandchildren, Damien (fiancé, Julianna Carrick), Jason LaPonsie II, Jacie Scarce, Christian Knoll, Chloe Knoll, Astrid

Rapson and James Rapson; siblings, Jimmy (Linda) LaPonsie, Gene (Shemida) LaPonsie, Arty (Rainella) LaPonsie, Marsha (Gary LaPlaunt) Mongene, Larry (Mary) LaPonsie and Fern McKinny; and sister-in-law, Joanne LaPonsie.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Linda LaPonsie; parents, Bill and Myrtle; siblings, Ida (Russ) Sampson, William "Billy" LaPonsie Jr., John LaPonsie, Andy LaPonsie, and Gary LaPonsie; brothers-in-law, Frank Mongene and Ted McKinny; and his beloved dog, Bud.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129 Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM. The Funeral Service will begin at 11:00 AM with a procession to Oaklawn Chapel Gardens immediately following.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Bacon Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of David Wade LaPonsie.*



The Bacon Family - May 21, 2025 at 06:32 PM

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“ *I will forever remember my youngest brother in law.He was just young in '58' when I married his brother Andy. He was such a little stinker,shooting me in my butt with a bb gun really close too..But was fun too have him around..playing cards with him was a joke too he was cheating alot of the time ,but loved all the time with him..He was like another little brother.He raised greats sons....He will always be with you just feel him in your heart...*



Joanne laponsie - May 21, 2025 at 05:44 PM

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“ *West Pier Drive In purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Wade LaPonsie.*



West Pier Drive In - May 20, 2025 at 10:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Wade LaPonsie.



May 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David Wade LaPonsie.

May 20, 2025 at 06:23 PM



“ Dorothy & Dominique Tremblay Cutler, ON purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of David Wade LaPonsie.



Dorothy & Dominique Tremblay Cutler, ON - May 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Dorothy & Dominique Tremblay Cutler, ON planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Wade LaPonsie.

Dorothy & Dominique Tremblay Cutler, ON - May 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM