



David "Wayne" Morden

December 6, 1941 - April 27, 2025

David "Wayne" Morden, age 83, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on April 27, 2025, at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault. He was born on December 6, 1941, in Hamilton, Ontario, to Rev. Malcolm "Mac" and Lillian (Stone) Morden.

Wayne grew up in Toronto, Ontario, and graduated from York High School before continuing his education through Christian Leadership Training and later earning his associate degree from Seneca College.

Wayne's life was deeply rooted in faith, family, and fellowship. He was a devoted member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie. It was through his close-knit church and family community that he met Mary Frances Lawton—whose father, like Wayne's own, was a Baptist minister. Wayne and Mary Frances were married on July 11, 1981, in Sault Ste. Marie, beginning a partnership filled with love, laughter, and adventure.

Wayne faced life with courage and a sense of humor that left a lasting impression. Though he lived with cerebral palsy, his spirit was never limited. Friends and family will always remember his radiant smile, unmistakable laugh, and endless supply of stories. A jokester at heart, he had a gift for lifting others' spirits. Wayne enjoyed simple pleasures—playing spider solitaire on the computer, tuning in to Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, and Christian television, and spending winters in Florida with his beloved wife. Together,

they also cherished traveling on cruises and exploring the world hand in hand. Wayne looked forward to the day when he would “hit the ground running and losing the scooter” in heaven—a hope he held onto with faith and joy.

Wayne is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Mary Frances; special friend, Robin Jackson; sisters-in-law, Ellen Dawson and Kathleen Stoneham; brother-in-law, Timothy (Paula) Lawton; nephews, Todd (Pam) Morden and Brett (Mary) Morden; as well as several other cousins, nieces and nephews who will all miss him dearly.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Mac and Lillian, brother, Dwight Morden; in-laws, Rev. Clarence & Janith Lawton; and brothers-in-law, John David Dawson, David Stoneham, Merritt Lawton and John Lawton.

A Visitation will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at the First United Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. The Funeral Service will follow immediately at 12:00 Noon.

Wayne’s final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens, Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial Contributions may be left in Wayne’s memory to the First United Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes Pickford 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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Est)

First United Presbyterian Church
555 Bingham Avenue
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“*Mary Frances, I am very sorry to hear of Wayne's passing. We will certainly miss his stories and good nature. You both remain in my thoughts and good memories. Anna Cooper*

Anna Cooper - May 01, 2025 at 08:34 PM

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“*Pamela S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David "Wayne" Morden.*

Pamela S. - May 01, 2025 at 08:05 PM

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“*On behalf of the Simmonds family I send our deepest condolences to Aunt Mary Frances.*

I only got to meet Uncle Wayne a few times over the years. He had an awesome sense of humour and was definitely fun to be around. He loved life and it showed. He will be deeply missed by Todd and I.

All our love to you Aunt Mary Frances ❤️

Pam (Simmonds) Morden

Pamela Morden - May 01, 2025 at 07:55 PM

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“ I am grieving my friend, Wayne. Years ago, when I moved back to the UP, he was my first friend. Such a friendly, caring man, and oh, did I mention ornery? Sometimes I would look at him in Bible study and catch his eye over some little thing and we'd end up laughing. He was a caring, thoughtful, and jokester of a man who I was in awe of because he was such an inspiration to me and others. I will miss you old friend. Until we meet again.

Laurie Davis - April 29, 2025 at 02:23 PM



He was one of a kind for sure. Anybody who got to know him was better for it. His sense of humor will never be forgotten. He had the ability to make you smile no matter how you were feeling. Some of my best memories of Wanye were at the dinner table. We would joke around with him and get laughing so hard, but he always got in trouble with his mom, but not me or my brother who started it. He will be missed dearly.

Brett Morden - May 01, 2025 at 04:01 PM