



Deane "Dean" Richard Gillespie Jr.

July 1, 1957 - February 8, 2024

Deane "Dean" Richard Gillespie Jr., age 66, of Cedarville, Michigan, died at his home on February 8, 2024. He was born on July 1, 1957, in St. Ignace, Michigan, to Deane R. Sr., and Dorothy A. (Perault) Gillespie.

Dean was a great, kind, and generous friend. As one of his friends wrote on Facebook, "He was nicer than your grandma and tougher than your grandpa." Dean loved a good joke and was a hard worker. He held many jobs in his lifetime, working as a bartender, taxi driver, and horse buggy dispatcher. He was accomplished at all his jobs and also enjoyed playing and watching sports. His favorite teams were the Green Bay Packers, the Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Tigers. Dean was an avid golf player with one heck of a swing.

Dean is survived by his daughter, Meredith J. Lehmen of Dubuque, Iowa; grandchildren, Vash David Lehmen, and Marceline Lerreyne Lehman; sisters, Florence E. Gillespie-Cardinal of Hessel, Michigan, and Laurel L. (Reginald) Gough of St. Ignace; brother, James E. Gillespie of Hessel; brother-in-law, Jack E. Dehring of Mackinac Island, Michigan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Deane and Dorothy; and sister, Dorothy A. Dehring.

Final Resting Place will be at the Mackinac Island Protestant Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

He will be dearly and greatly missed by his family and friends.

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Mackinac Island Protestant Cemetery

Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Dean. I grew up with him on the Island. A lot of good times. He will missed by many. Sending prayers to his family.*

Cindy Prater - March 27, 2024 at 10:19 AM

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“ *Dean was a friend, a former neighbor, an occasional racquetball opponent (when Cheboygan still had a club!), and we drove dray together for a couple of summers back in the early 80s (when the Service Company operated out of the old Arnold Dock warehouse and they called us "Stakoe's Bums" and the drays had CB radios and Dean's dad -- "Big Dean" -- loaded our rigs with sand and gravel from the old pit). Lot's of water over the proverbial dam. Even at age 77 I'll cherish the memories!!!*

Marc Bobinsky, Mackinac Island

Marc Bobinsky - February 17, 2024 at 03:01 PM