



Deane R. Gillespie

May 31, 2017

Deane R. Gillespie, 83 of Hessel passed away Wednesday morning at Doctors office in Cedarville . He was born on Mackinac Island January 3,1934 to Robert Alexander and Florence Ellen (Vaughn) Gillespie. He lived most his life on the island and attended school there. He owned Gillespie/Gallagher Excavating business many years on the Island. He has had a cabin in Hessel many years, and moved off the island several years ago to spend more time hunting and fishing. He is an Elder with the Sault Tribe Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Perault); 2 sons, Dean Jr. Hessel; James, Mackinac Island; 2 daughters, Laurie (Reggie) Gough, Cedarville; Florence Gillespie-Cardinal, Cedarville; son in law, Jack Dehring, Mackinac Island; 2 brothers, Robert and Annette Gillespie, Mackinac Island; and Jay and Midge Gillespie, ST.Ignace. 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dorothy Dehring , January 4,2017. and a sister Mary Thompson, and his parents.

According to his wishes no services will be held. Cremation has taken place. Dodson Funeral Home, ST.Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Deane R. Gillespie*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Deane R. Gillespie*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Deane R. Gillespie*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dean was a quite but very thoughtful man.A very close friend of my dad,Art (Bud)Chambers. He helped my Dad alot. Close as family can be.A strong man all around.Rest in peace in God's arms.*

Penny Chambers - June 26, 2017 at 06:57 PM



“ *So many memories of growing up on Mackinac Island with Dean being a Great friend of Patrick Chambers (My father). He was a man I deeply admired and will miss him. I hope he finds peace in heaven. I will miss him*

John W Chambers - June 12, 2017 at 10:34 AM



“ *He will be missed...prayers to his family and friends...RIP*

Debbie ender - June 08, 2017 at 08:39 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends, this is truly a sad loss. Big Dean was such a great guy and though it has been years, I have never forgot him. He is flying among the stars now.

Karen Keagle - June 05, 2017 at 09:36 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to all of the family. He was such a great guy !

Donna (Francis) Makowski - June 05, 2017 at 08:56 AM