



Richard A. McKenzie

October 24, 2014

Richard A "Dick" . McKenzie Sr. 75 of Carp River died unexpectedly friday evening, October 24 at his home on Mackinac Trail, River Bend, St.Ignace Township. He was born January 20,1939 in St.Ignace Township to George and Gladys (Alkire) McKenzie. He graduated in the class of 1956 from LaSalle High School. He entered the United States Navy in 1956 and served 7 years 8 months and 14 days and was discharged on May 31,1964 as an E5., and his last command was at the NAS Brunswick, Maine. Naval Station.He married MaryAnn Andrews on November 2,1958 in Newport, R.I. ; and she died December 19,2013. After service they lived in Racine,Wisconsin and moved to Carp River in 1983 when they purchased River Bend Resort, cabins, store and station. This was a very popular hunting destination for many and they operated the store until 2005 when Mary Anns health caused him to devote full time care for her. He devoted 12 years for her care, and she died at home on December 19,2013. He was an avid sportsman, hunted and fished, and loved bird hunting. He and his wife took care of a deer herd that visited their backyard for years,often coming to the windows of the house for a treat. The day Mary Ann died the deer came to the deck and watched as she was taken to the hearse. Dick was a gun collector and avid NASCAR fan and collector of memorabilia. He also loved to play cribbage, and belonged to a league at one time. He was a member of the St.Ignace American Legion Post. Dick will be sorely missed by his many friends and family.

He is survived by a son,; Brian McKenzie of Kenosha, Wisc.; 2 daughters, Debra (David) VandenBranden, Racine, Wisc.; Deanna L. McKenzie, Carlsbad, California; a daughter in law, Susie Glashaw, St. Ignace; 2 sisters, Margaret O'Dell, in Rhode Island; Patsy and Tom Soeltner, Rudyard; 4 brothers, Tony McKenzie, Gulliver; John (Karen) McKenzie, Kenosha, Wisc.; Glen McKenzie, Carp River; Jim McKenzie, Kenosha, Wisc.; grandchildren, Vanessa, Erica, Leah, Candace, Keith and Wade; and greatgrandchildren, Kaydi, Ethan, Althea and Evan. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, June French.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, November 1 at 3 pm at Dodson Funeral Home. with Pastor Dan Williams and Dan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 1 to 3 pm. Burial will be in Carp River Cemetery beside his wife. The American Legion Post, St. Ignace will conduct graveside services.

Pallbearers will be Jacob Soeltner; Tom Soeltner Jr.; Patrick Soeltner; John Soblaski; Dustin McKenzie; Matt Dumas. Vanessa Nelsen and Leah VandenBranden.;

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard A. McKenzie*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Richard A. McKenzie*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Richard A. McKenzie*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dick, My dearest and best friend for 70 years, you were a great hunting and fishing partner and a brother to me. My heart is broken and I will miss you dearly and cherish all the talks and time we had together. Goodbye my friend.....Larry*

Larry Brown - November 02, 2014 at 11:23 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss...prayers for the whole family.*

Jerry St Andrew - November 01, 2014 at 07:28 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers are with you. Don was a class mate of Dicks and I can picture him saying Good Morning come join us. God Bless*

Zoe Olmstead - November 01, 2014 at 06:48 PM

VC

“ *Uncle Dick, I know there is a wonderful spot picked out for you in heaven. We will miss you..*

Vicki

Vicki Cartwright - October 31, 2014 at 10:18 PM

BM

“ *My Dear Brother in law Dick,
I will miss you dearly. But I will take comfort in knowing you and Maryanne will be together again looking down on us.I will think about you always. And to Dee and the rest of the family, my heart goes out to you guys you guys so much and I'm thinking of you always,there are just no words. I love you guy so much.. Love Ya,*

Aunt Barb

Barbara Max - October 31, 2014 at 10:14 PM

DS

“ *Dick and I went in the Navy and through "Boot Camp" at the same time. We shared the same love and passion for the great hunting and fishing that the "UP" instilled in our spirit at a young age and it never leaves one's soul. My wife June and I extend our heart-felt condolences to Dick's entire family. Our prayers are with you all.
Dale & June Shoemaker*

Dale E Shoemaker - October 31, 2014 at 06:08 PM

GH

“ *so sorry for your loss.*

Gail & Bill Howland - October 30, 2014 at 08:59 AM

SL

“ Dad McKenzie,

May you rest in peace with the love of your life....I'm so very sorry you were taken from us so early, we are all just heartbroken and lost....

I will never forget the the endless football games that you drove us to with the car heated up whe we got in below 0 weather, my visits to you when I was home with the kids riding around the property on the gold cart, all of the rides you gave to me from cheerleading practice and so much more..... I will do my best to take care of your baby girl Dee, my best friend and grandson brother throughout this horrible sad time.... love you always and forever.....until we meet again - San

Sandy Lynn - October 29, 2014 at 09:41 PM

AH

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF DICK MCKENZIE
DICK AND I GO BACK TO OUR TODDLER DAYS. WE
GRADUATED TOGETHER IN 1956 AT LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL.
WE HAVE REMAINED FRIENDS ALL THESE YEARS, I CALLED
HIM FRIEND. I AM SAD TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING IN SUCH A
VIOLENT WAY. I WILL MISS HIM FOREVER.
I HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU ALL IN PRAYERS
AND THOUGHTS. WHICH THE MCKENZIE FAMILY HAS BEEN
ON MY MIND, THIS PAST WEEK
OUR MOTHER'S RUTH AND GLADYS WERE GIRL FRIENDS
FROM THEIR YOUTH. THIS FRIENDSHIP CONTINUED FOR
YEARS.
I SEE A SMILING SHINING NEW STAR IN HEAVEN. DICK HAS
ARRIVED. GOOD-BY MY FRIEND. WAY TO EARLY FOR YOU TO
BE GONE. MARGARET, TONY, JOHN. DICK, JUNE, PATSY, GLEN
AND JIMMY, YOU WERE LIKE BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO
ME.
WISH I COULD BE THERE TO STAND WITH CLASSMATES ON
SAT. WE WILL MISS, DICK'S SMILING FACE AT CLASS GET
TOGETHERS. ANNE*

ANNEBROWN DANIELS HUDSON - October 29, 2014 at 08:42 PM

OB

“ *Our condolences to the family. As a fellow member of the class of
'56, he will be missed by his classmates. May he rest in peace.
Patty Boynton '56*

Ollie and Patty Boynton - October 29, 2014 at 08:33 PM

DO

“ So sorry for your loss. I didn't know Richard very well but we were in the same graduating class. We got to see everyone at our annual reunions. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.
God's Blessings, Donna Cote Outcalt

Donna Cote Outcalt - October 29, 2014 at 07:11 PM

DR

“ May the lord watch over you and guide you to heaven! You will be sadly missed..

Your friend, Darlene Roy

Darlene Roy - October 29, 2014 at 01:13 PM