



## Jerome "Jerry" Ignatowski

April 17, 1954 - October 7, 2009

Jerome Florian "Jerry" Ignatowski, age 55, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 near Fibre, Michigan. Jerry was born in Saginaw, Michigan on April 17, 1954. He graduated from St. Stephen's High School with the Class of 1972 and attended Lake Superior State University. Jerry was an extremely talented musician who could play just about any musical instrument. He was a freelance repairman and had a gift for fixing machinery of all kinds. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed windsurfing, snowboarding, backpacking and fishing. Jerry is survived by his mother: Mary Dykhouse of Brimley, MI; a son: Art Nicholes of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Art's mother: Gigi Taylor of North Carolina; two sisters: Jenni (Wayne) Madden of Goulais River, Ont. and Marianne (Ed) Gay of Eaton Rapids, MI; two brothers: Paul (Robin) Ignatowski of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and John Ignatowski of Escanaba, MI; and many nieces and nephews. Jerry was preceded in death by his father: Florian Ignatowski; a sister: Debbie Ignatowski; a nephew: J.P. Ignatowski; and a niece: Amy Ignatowski. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 PM on Saturday, October 31, 2009 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Father Ted Brodeur officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 1:00 PM until the time of the service. Contributions may be made to a memorial fund in Jerry's name, for St. Mary's Catholic School.

# Tribute Wall

GL

“ I just recently learned of Jerry's passing from Jenni and I must say it has broken my heart that he and I will never be able to get together again and jam until we can't breath anymore. Jerry and I were the best of friends as kids (what dreams we shared) and we had the absolute best of times. His entire family has always had a special place in my heart and Jerry especially will always be my "brother from another mother". Rest In Peace, my friend, my brother, and the Captain of the ship bringing us all "Closer To Home:.

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**Gary J. Leahy** - April 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Jenny, my thoughts and prayers to you and your family for the loss of your brother. He was a year ahead of us in school, I think I remember him but lots of places, times, skip my memory since brain tumor, i hope you & i will be able to plan a get together this summer, we must do that, hoping and praying we can, best friends forever. anything i can do to help, just fb or email me  
Gods Peace to you all...

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**Vickie Newm** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ John and family,  
Our deepest sympathies at the loss of your brother and son. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.

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**Dan & Jan Shoup** - October 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Mom, Jenni, Marianne, Paul, John: I am so sorry about your loss of Jerry. My heart felt sympathies goes out to you all. May you all cherish the memories of Jerry in your hearts and let them take over the sadness. I am sure Jerry is tinkering with something up there or jamming up a storm!! I will miss Jerry's smile and light-hearted spirit at all the family gatherings.

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**Cindy Levenburg** - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To Gigi and Jerry's family, my heartfelt condolences go out to you. Jerry was a wonderful, kind, caring and talented person that I had the priviledge to share time with, especially at Searchmont, Ontario, in the winter.

*He will be missed by many of us.*

*To Jerry:*

*"May the road rise to meet you;  
May the wind be at your back,  
May the sun shine  
warm upon your face;  
The rain fall soft upon your fields,  
And, until we meet again,  
May God hold you  
in the palm of His hand."  
shalome my friend,*

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**simon couvier** - October 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ My prayers are with you.

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**Heather Chapman** - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Our sincere condolences to Jerry's family. May the Lord comfort you during this time.

*My husband Darryl and I know Jerry through shipwreck adventures in Lake Superior. Jerry was absolutely zany and wonderful. I was amazed at his huge "canon" ball jumps into the morning icy waters. Jerry was a genius with equipment, and helped Darryl and I a lot. Always with a smile and a laugh. I liked to watch him wind surf in gale force winds at the point, when it was too rough to take the boat out.*

*We will miss you Jerry, and know you are with God now.*

*Sarah Wilde and Darryl Ertel*

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**Sarah Wilde** - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ I miss you, my friend. I know you're up there already jamming with some of the greatest musicians who ever lived.

*Thanks for taking the time to: try to show me how to snowboard, help me learn more chords on the guitar, learn songs that you normally would never play just so I could sing them, pilot the kayak a couple times when I couldn't, and, thanks for authorizing me to make U-turns when needed ; )*

*So many great memories will stay in my heart forever.*

*May peace be with you all!*

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**Michelle Failor** - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Aunt Mary, Marianne, Jenni, Paul, and John, I remember when Jerry spent time at my folk's place in GR. I know mom held Jerry in a special place in her heart. So many people from our family are now in heaven with Jerry, he is not alone. I pray that your trials are coming to an end soon.

Love,

Chris

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**Chris Johnston** - October 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FW

“ Aunt MArY, Jenni, Marianne, Paul and John, I am so sorry for your loss. It is hard to say goodbye to a sibling, harder still to a son. Know that Jerry is with family, my folks will take care of him, and my sis, Mary, will see to it he has a good time! I choose to remember Jerry as the facinating older cousin who tormented (and entertained) all of us girls when I stayed at your place in Saginaw. The boy who could make an electric guitar out of ANYTHING! He is loved and will be missed.  
love you all - Fran

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**Fran Wolters** - October 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“GREETINGS”

*(Ha! I had to say that!) I miss you and love you, Jer. I had picked out two perfect Christmas presents to give you. This years and next. You would have laughed your face off! I always had fun giving you crazy cards and gifts. Remember on your fortieth I gave you all those silly coupons? "Geezer Pleezer's Escort Service" All in fun, Jer and you always took it that way.*

*I'm missing you so much. You can now see how many people loved you; didn't even know did ya? Hey, you can do all the dangerous windsurfing and snowboarding maneuvers you want anytime you want now. I'll miss your "museum" on Riverside. I marathon-cleaned that place a few times way back when. It always made me feel good to help you out. I'll miss making your fav oatmeal bread. You always appreciated the little stuff. Give our love to Amy, Dad, JP, Debbie, Papa and all our sweet relatives, Jer. But don't bonk them on the head or make them get a shock. :P*

*If there's any way you can read this, let us know now and then, that you're here with us in case we feel sad because we will for a long time, okay?*

*Love you so much!  
Your forever sister,  
Jenni*

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**Jenni Madden** - October 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ My first "Jerry sighting" was about 10 years ago when the family and I went to an African Drums exhibit at LSSU. They had drummers and dancers, grass skirts, shields and masks. The music was exhilarating, the dancing exceptional, but more than this...watching Jerry was captivating!!!! He danced, clapped and even found an unsuspecting conga to beat on. From this day forward, I was addicted to "watching Jerry"....May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, and until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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**Theresa Miller** - October 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Art,

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Arthur Brood** - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I will miss you terribly, brother, but I will remember the good stuff..Like getting my Christmas present in July, never getting those CD's you promised me, a "pop-in" in visit here in ER, electronic advise, a "mother-to-be" card a big brother "are you sure he's the one" lecture before I got married...only to name a few. Peace! Jerry )

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**Marianne and Ed Gay** - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Jenni and all of your Family, My deepest sympathy and thoughts and prayers to all of you. I can not even imagen what you are going through. God be with you all. Love Bernice

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**Bernice** - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To Jerry's family, I am so sorry for your loss. Jerry will be missed.

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**Jo Miaczynski** - October 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To my adopted family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We so wish we could be with you all in person. We keep you close to our hearts. With all of our Love, Theresa, Scott, Jen and Jess.

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**Theresa Tremblay** - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Rest in peace, Jerry.

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**Tom Krupiarz** - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Mom, Zig, Jenni, Paul and John, I am so sorry for your lose. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Jerry was a wonderful person and will be missed by many. I love you all.

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**Linda Oversmith** - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jenni and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. God bless you all and keep you strong. Cherish the memories. He will live on in love through them.

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**Janice Marie Marcoux** - October 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM