



John William Mackey Jr.

November 25, 1945 - May 5, 2016

John W. Mackey Jr., age 70, of Dollar Bay, Michigan formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away May 5, 2016 early evening at War Memorial Hospital with his loving wife and daughter at his side holding his hands. John was born November 25, 1945 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late John W. and Elda (LaFaver) Mackey John grew up in the Sault and graduated from Sault High class of 1964. He attended Michigan Tech University and later LSSU. He joined the Navy and had an honorary discharge due to a heart murmur. He sailed on the great Lakes for US Steel for 8 years. He then went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone Company as an installer in St. Ignace. John moved to the Sault as a Lineman and a Splicer. In 1978 he took a management job with Ameritech in Hancock, Michigan. He retired from Ameritech after 24 years. After retirement, John went to work for Data Tel Communications in Green Bay, Wisconsin. From there he went to Ameritech in Columbus, Ohio as a Design Engineer for Fiber Optics, moving to Warren, Michigan to work for Quest Communication as a Design Engineer. In 2000 he and his wife Mary Kay moved back north due to the economy. He then worked at the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians as busing Manager. He retired there due to developing PLS. John was an elder of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. John's hobbies were golf, fishing, raising show rabbits and fancy guppies. He was a fish judge for many years and traveled to shows all over the US. John is survived by his wife: Mary Kay (Ketchum) Mackey whom he married in 1969 and was from the Sault. They have a daughter: Jamie

Mackey of the Sault. John is also survived by his sister: Diane (Rick) Comley of Marquette, MI; John is also survived by his brother: Jeff Mackey of Jacksonville, Florida and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents: John W. Mackey Sr. and Elda (LaFaver) Mackey; a brother: Richard Mackey and granddaughter Julia Rae. Due to Johns wishes there will be no public funeral.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Kay & Jamie, We were so sorry to hear about John. Our thoughts are with you during this sad time. Bill & Linda Unke*

William Unke - May 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John was one of my oldest childhood friends and I will always remember him.*

Sharon Milligan France - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mary Kay and Jamie. I am so sorry for your loss you have been through so much. My prayers are with you both. I love you guys dearly and my heart is with you :(Love Ross and Sone*

Sonja L McLeod - May 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM