



## Merlin J. Fournier

July 25, 1939 - January 28, 2012

Merlin “Gee” Fournier “The Living Legend of the St. Mary’s”. age 72, died peacefully at 5:45am on Saturday January 28, 2012 at War Memorial Hospital, due to complications of ALS (Lou Gehrig’s’ Disease). He was surrounded by his children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews and in the arms of his loving wife of 39 years, 5 hours and 45 minutes as he went on to be with his savior. “Gee”, (as his father nicknamed him as a child and he was known to all friends and family) was born July 25, 1939 to Edourd Charles and Ruth (Hermanson) Fournier in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Gee enjoyed spending his time fishing the waters of the St. Mary’s, where he spent most of the days and nights of better than 65 years of his life. Most days and nights you could see him hooked behind the Edison Sault Power Plant, 6 poles sticking out of the boat, waiting for his catch, which usually amounted in more than the limit! After the weather turned cold enough to make 2 inches of ice, he would drag his fish shack onto mosquito Bay, to spear fish through the ice. His children, grandchildren and numerous Algonquin friends and neighbors, as well as strangers he had never met learned to fish the St. Mary’s from this legend. He also enjoyed the yearly hunting trip to camp on Drummond Island, where he always met with family and close friends to hunt the 2 weeks with loved ones. This is where his children and grandchildren learned to hunt and enjoy the woods and wilderness. He enjoyed traveling, his favorite spot the Grand Canyon, where he visited more than a dozen times, snapping pictures and making films. He loved to show the films to family and friends, of all of these

things he loved; his greatest love was for his family, especially grandkids. The grandkids made his days bright and he always had a story to tell them or a lesson to teach. He also loved his dog, "Raven" who was always at his side. Gee is survived by his loving wife, Patricia (Jenerou) whom he married on January 27, 1973. Children, Merlin James (Joanne) of Grand Rapids, Edward (Lisa) Jenerou of Kincheloe, Paul (Jami) of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Beth (Jeff) Gerou of Wolverine, Anna of California and Victoria "Torry" (Randy) Ruddell of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Grandchildren, Kim Garlinghouse and James (Amanda) Garlinghouse all of Kincheloe. Stephanie (Gerald) Fournier Rhinehart of Traverse City, Michigan. Harley Fournier, Sierra and Nicholas Reynolds of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Jace and Jolyssa Jenerou of Kincheloe, Michigan Jazmyn Fournier and Justin and Adelyn Pascoe all of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Also 5 great grandchildren; siblings, Marc (Linda), Edward "Buck" (Maddie), Marie Pingatore, Lorretta "Pete" (Nick) Madrid, Blanche Kivenen. Many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Also very special friends Thomas Rodney and James Calery, and his faithful "Raven". Gee was preceded in death by his parents, mother and father-in-law, Charles and Lorraine (Miller) Jenerou, brother Raleigh and sons Sidney in 1974 and Jeffrey in 1988. Brothers-in-law Eugene Pingatore and Oliver Kivenen. Visitation will be 10:00am until 12 noon on Wednesday February 1, 2012 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held 12 noon Wednesday February 1, 2012 at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Witte officiating.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Merlin J. Fournier*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Merlin J. Fournier*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Merlin J. Fournier*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Good comments folks. John and Tim both make a good point. And James, you made me smile, buddy. Talking folks out of dgdwines. I've go a young couple I'm sending your way. Kidding. Monalea I always like your opinions your point was clear on a funeral for a saint. As for me? I'll tell you what I think later.*

**Mathew** - March 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss! Uncle was an amazing man. He had wonderful stories to tell. Uncle will be missed but never forgotten! Love you all!*

**louis,amber & kids** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *This is a man who was so loved beyond measure. May God bless you and lift you all up and wrap His arms around you in love. Eve and Art Larsen*

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**Genevieve Miller Larsen** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *My husband, Butch spent time with Merlin, cleaned fish in the cleaning station. Liked him and was sad to hear from his nephew Roger Greil that he had died. Our sincere sympathy to his family. May Merlin RIP Julie*

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**Julie Troiber** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Sorry for your loss my Sympathies go out to the family even that i didn't know any of the family my heart still feel the sadness for all . god bless . My prayer and thought are with u all too. In this time of need :(*

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**Sharon Brown** - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Pat & Family, I was sorry to hear about your loss. I know there is no words to ease your pain, just know you are ALL in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless and Love to All. Jamie McCoy and Family*

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**Jamie McCoy** - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *I Love You Daddy.*

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**Elizabeth Gerou** - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM