



Perry Anthony Cushman

January 7, 1939 - December 30, 2023

Perry Anthony Cushman, age 84, of Pickford, Michigan, died on December 30, 2023, at MyMichigan Medical Center-Sault. He was born on January 7, 1939, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Ignatius Cushman and Jean D. (Taylor) (Cushman) Haslett.

Perry grew up in Sault Ste. Marie in his early childhood, and the family moved to California where he finished his high school years. After graduation he enlisted into the United States Air Force where he served four years. He worked at Chippewa County Sheriff's Department for 24 years. He was cross deputized with the Sault Tribe Police Department. He was proud to become the very first deputy to be appointed as Sergeant at Chippewa County S.D. He developed the marine patrol and was later promoted to Detective Sergeant and then retired as the first Lieutenant in the history of the department. After he retired from Chippewa County, he worked security for the Soo Locks. He then joined the Mackinac County Sheriff's department as a Tether Officer and Road Deputy for another 19 years, retiring at the age of 75, serving a total of 43 years. He was known by all as a fair understanding "cop," and he was proud of that. He was beloved by the community and often approached by young adults who thanked him for the free ice cream cone coupon he gave them as a child.

He met Diann Garlinghouse in 1989, and they married on September 2, 1996, in St. Ignace, Michigan.

Perry was a member of the Elks Lodge, Christopher Columbus Hall, American

Legion Post 3, and the Blue Nights Motorcycle Club.

Perry enjoyed traveling around in his jeep and riding his motorcycle. He loved spending time with his family and making memories at the cabin in Paradise. Perry enjoyed reading and doing yard work. He enjoyed his antique cars and was in a car club as well.

Perry is survived by his wife, Diann (Garlinghouse) Cushman; daughter, Debra Marie Cushman of Pickford, Michigan; sons, Perry (Onanong) Cushman Jr. of San Diego, California, and Shawn (Debbie) Cushman of Buckeye Arizona; stepsons, Thomas "Charlie" (Connie) of Sault Ste. Marie and Floyd "Ernie" (Tammy) Bumstead of Sault Ste. Marie; grandchildren, Nathan (Sarah) Cushman, Nicholas (Kim) Cushman, Kaylee Cushman, Stephen Smith, Melissa Smith, Tylor Cushman, Savanna Pinkowski, Josh Pinkowski; great grandchildren, Ava Rye, Kayson Rye, and Emmett Cushman; Favorite Niece, Denise (Haslett) Kappeler; Sister-in-Law, Betty Haslett; and Best Friend, Cal Burnside.

Perry is preceded in death by his first wife DonnaLee (Collins) Cushman. Parents, Ignatius and Irene Cushman, and Jean and Joe Haslett. Brother, Richard Haslett

No services will be held per Perry's wishes.

Perry's final resting place will be Fairview Cemetery of Pickford, Michigan. Memorial contributions may be given to Road to Recovery, 500 Osborn Blvd, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, or Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, or Chippewa County Animal Shelter, 3660 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

As submitted by family

Family Life Funeral Homes is assisting the family. Condolences may be left to the family at www.csmulder.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bruce Township Hall
3156 E. 12 Mile Road,
Dafer, MI 49724
<https://www.bruce township.net/>

Luncheon will be provided.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *Diann, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Let the happy memories outweigh the pain. Perry was so special to us and will be dearly missed. We are always here for you. Don and Rita*



Don and Rita - January 18, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *Our prayers and sympathy are ongoing during this difficult time for all of Uncle Perry's family and loved ones. Keep spirits up by knowing that he is in a better place and no longer suffering. ❤️*

Kimberly (Paul) Latreille - January 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Diane and Family...I am still saddened even after your phone call the day Perry passed. He still remains "Uncle Perry" to our boys after all these years. I will miss the visits and phone calls, my biggest hope is that he and Tom are enjoying coffee and laughing together about the old times. Rest in Peace Perry...you are greatly missed.*

Barb McBryde - January 17, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Diann,
I'm so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband ☐. I pray God's tender loving kindness, care, and comfort be with you and your loved ones. May you all be surrounded by His loving peaceful presence 💕
Love,
Maria



Maria Coullard - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Diann and Family,
There are no words that can take the deep hurt away from losing someone loved like Perry was. Many thoughts and prayers for all the family. Diann, Bob and I are here if you need anything.
Love and Hugs,
Kareen and Bob



Kareen Brown - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I am very sorry, Diann, for the loss of your beloved Perry. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many.

Collette Coullard - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *Diann and family, my heartfelt sympathy to you on your loss. I worked with Perry both at the Locks and Mackinac County and always looked forward to seeing him and enjoy long chats. He was a wonderful mentor and a great person to know. He will be missed but always remembered.*

noel weaver - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *So very sorry to hear of Perry's passing. We spent many hours together serving on Marine Patrol keeping boaters safe and recovering the unfortunate.*

My deepest sympathy

Tom Farnquist



Tom Farnquist Sr. - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *RIP Perry, and sincere condolences to your family and many close friends. Indeed, a 'good cop' in an era when some were not, Lord knows I encountered my share. May the coffee always be hot and plentiful in heaven sir.*

bruce w beaudoin - January 16, 2024 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *The Asbells extend their sympathies to the Cushman family and all that knew Mr. Perry Cushman. In reading the obituary, it appears he was a man that dedicated his life to serving his community in so many capacities. His legacy carries on in his family and those he influenced.*



The Asbell Family - January 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ *So sorry for your loss. I understand what it is like losing parents way too soon. Remember all the good times that you shared especially the summers at the cabin. From what I read he was a great man and family man. The world is definitely a sadder place without him.*



Don and Ellen kassebaum - January 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *So sorry for your loss. May Perry RIP. Perry is home with God.*

Maverick & Joy Mehrten - January 15, 2024 at 12:00 AM