



Raymond Arthur Savoie

July 28, 1949 - January 9, 2013

Raymond Arthur Savoie, 63, of Dafter, Michigan went to be with the Lord Wednesday morning, January 9, 2013, peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. Ray was born on July 28, 1949 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan to the late Homer and Ruth (DeMolen) Savoie. He graduated from Loretto High School with the class of 1968 and later attended Lake Superior State University. On May 29, 1971, he married Nancy Jean Bowers at St. Joseph Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. In 2002, Ray retired as an eligibility specialist for the Department of Human Service. His most recent employment was providing supplies for the Great Lakes freighters at Soo Marine Supply. Ray was a family man, who enjoyed bird watching, camping, traveling, bonfires and looked forward to deer season at the family camp. He marveled at nature and enjoyed bringing it to others attention. Ray always had a smile to share and welcomed the opportunity to lend a helping hand. Ray is survived by his wife: Nancy Savoie; two daughters: Stacey Savoie of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Rhonda (Doran) Silver of Dafter, MI; a son: Ryan (Katie) Savoie of Reese, MI; and two grandchildren: Jonathan and Tobias Savoie. He is also survived by two brothers: James (Helen) Savoie of Caro, MI and John Savoie of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and two sisters: April (Gilbert) McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie, MI and Theresa (Robert) Kearns of Elgin, IL. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 PM followed immediately by a funeral service on Saturday, January 12, 2013 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Lou Bergman officiating. Interment will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens on a later

date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of the EUP.

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Ray and I went to McKinley School together waaay back in the 1950s. He was a very nice person then, and although I have not seen him for many years, I am sure that he continued to be a good person. It was just his nature.

My condolences to his family.

Thea Specht Kester - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Ray, a gentle giant of a man, soft spoken, never ending smile, unforgettable gravelly laugh. I will always remember high school and "our group, you, nan, Linda, Danny, me" . My heart goes out to the family. Ray has been welcomed into his new home, love San

Sandi Koivisto Patton - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ RIP my dear cousin, I will miss you. Barb

Barbara Mornson - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ My prayers and sympathies are with Nancy and the family in Ray's loss.....I know he will be greatly missed.

Barbara Tornquist - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My sincere condolences go out to the Savoie family at this time. I will always remember Ray. We worked together at DHS for several years before he retired. He had a great sense of humor, always having a joke ready to tell me while we were waiting at the copier, telling funny stories, and just making the work day easier to get through. He was always talking about his grandkids, and was always really proud of his wife Nancy and his family. He was just a really nice man, down-to-earth, and thoughtful. I am saddened he went so soon away from us, but I also know what a wonderful man he was and how heaven is lucky to have him with them now. We all loved Ray, and I pray that Ray's family will be especially comforted at this time.

Dawn McKay - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Nancy, Although I cannot be there in person, my thoughts, love and prayers are with you all during this sorrowful time. I have many fond & happy memories of times Wayne and I spent with you and Ray.

May the memories you cherish give you strength and live forever in your hearts.

Love, Aunt Doris

Doris Bowers - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Dear Nancy and family....Sending our deepest heartfelt sympathy for you and your family.We know that Ray has been completely healed and no longer has the cancer he was diagnosed with. We know that he had been completely restored,renewed, and revived now in the presence of Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior, but that does not deter the hurt, the sting of death, that we feel because of his death. Ray no longer knows the sting of death....only those left behind can feel it.....yet we also feel great great joy knowing that he's home with Jesus singing praises, rejoicing, visiting with family who went before him.....we cannot comprehend the joy he is experiencing now....and he waits for us, who have taken Jesus Christ as our own personal Lord and Savior, to join him one day. Blessings, blessings, blessings dear sister Chris & Lynn

RevChris/Lynn Gillies - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to the extire family. We're keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

tom and vicki gage - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear Nancy and Family, We know there are no words that will make this sad, hard time easy but please know that your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We felt very blessed to have had Ray for a friend.

Kareen Brown - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Terry, April and all,
We were saddened to hear of Ray's passing. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Jane and Dennis Kennedy

Jane Kennedy - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I will never forget the kind and generous personality of this dear man, Ray Savoie. Ray was dear to the heart of myself, my husband, and my daughter because he treated the three of us like we were part of his family. He was willing to help in any way he could (like changing a flat tire on the way to Big Ticket) and one could easily tell how proud and supportive he was of his loved ones by just watching him interact with them for a short amount of time.

I had the privilege to spend time getting to know Ray while our families went camping, chatting around bon fires, and by attending the same church. I will miss his laugh, his smile, and his heart of gold. It definitely gives me comfort that he has now reached Heaven to be with our Lord, where he will be rewarded for eternity. What a privilege it has been to know Ray!

I care about the Savoie family and I pray for them to find comfort during this difficult time of loss. May God be with all of Ray's family and friends and continue blessing every one of you with many, many fond memories as you think about your dear husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Deidre Baker - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My heart is aching for the family at the loss of a wonderful, funny man. My family had the pleasure of becoming very close with the family when Ray and my dad worked together in Escanaba (many moons ago)*

We had the pleasure of spending a lot of time with the Savoie family while living in Escanaba. When both families ended up in different parts of Michigan we always kept in touch.

I will always remember and can still hear Ray's laughter.

You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace in the many memories you have with your husband, father, brother, friend.

Stacy Jahnke Marshall - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Nancy, Jim, April, Terry and John*

So sad to hear about Ray passing. I know that he will be missed by all of you. He was a great husband & brother to you and a good cousin to me.

Rick & Jean Savoie - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM