



Verne Coutant

September 3, 1934 - December 4, 2020

Verne Allen Coutant, age 86, passed away Friday afternoon, December 4, 2020, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Verne was born on September 3, 1934, in Escanaba, Michigan to Vernon and Eugenia (Peterson) Coutant. He graduated from Sault High School with the Class of 1952. Verne attended Michigan Tech - Sault Branch, and later earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Western Michigan University. On July 24, 1958, he married Violet Niskanen in Sault Ste. Marie. He served his country in the Army National Guard for 26 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post #3, and the Christopher Columbus Hall. Verne enjoyed golf, playing cards, going to the casino, and he loved going to the Hendrie River Hunting Camp.

Verne is survived by his four children: Terri (Gabriele) Bugli of Washington, MI, Randy (Beth Reed) Coutant of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Brian Coutant of Magnolia, TX, and Sheryl (Mike) Tussey of Roscommon, MI; his grandchildren: Elaina, Dante, Gina, Chelsea, Emma, Jennifer, and Henry; and his great-grandchildren: Gianna, Luca, Annie, and Theo. Verne is also survived by his three brothers: Gerald Coutant, Paul (Lu) Coutant, and Blair Coutant, all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Verne was preceded in death by his parents, his wife: Violet Coutant; and a sister-in-law: Fern Coutant.

Due to the current health crisis, a celebration of Verne's life will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project or Disabled American Veterans.

The family would like thank the staff at War Memorial Hospital for their care of Dad and their support of the family.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ You were a great gym teacher when I was in grade school. Its been years but you will be remembered.



Amy Houcine - January 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ I just found out today, Sunday December 20, from Tom Sherman that Verne had passed. My deepest sympathies to the family. I have known Verne my entire life. He loved his family, he loved his golf he loved the casino. I will miss you my old friend.

Marty Eckardt - December 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Verne's Family,

*So sorry to hear of Verne's passing.
Served with your Dad in the Guard. He was a nice friendly person.
He liked to talk sports and being an ex-coach myself, i always obliged.
RIP friend, you will sadly missed by family and friends.*

*Dave Miller
DeTour Village*

David F. Miller - December 13, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We are so, so sorry and saddened to hear about your loss. Please know many thoughts and prayers are coming your way. BIG HUGS and much love being sent to everyone. Miss you all.

Bill and Holly Sims - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Uncle Verne will be sorely missed...a true sportsman and a gentleman...kind hearted, always happy...
Jeannine , Rick and Hanneli Maki...



Maki Family - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Randy, Teri, Brian and Sheryl,
My Thoughts and Prayers are with you during this Extremely Difficult Time. Your Dad was a Special Guy. He always had a hug and a smile for me. I will miss him.

Sincerely,
Kim

Kim Cryderman - December 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss.

Lucy Carrick - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss. He made a difference in many, many lives and in many ways. Prayers for your family.

Tim Griffis - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I always enjoyed seeing him in or out of the store. He always had a smile and a cheerful hello.

Wayne MacDonald - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I only knew Verne from the casino, he was a very special guy who always managed to make me smile. Such a sweet soul, I'll miss our conversations about traveling & the golf stories in Texas. Rest easy my friend...

Christina - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I will miss his smile and hand shake when I would come back to the Sault. Sad to here of his passing.

Michael DeWeese - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Deepest sympathy for the family.



Danielle (Badenski) Bartunek - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SI

“ I am so sorry to hear this. I was Verne and Violet's neighbor on Augusta St. for many years. I have to say they were the best neighbors I have ever had. I was always working on my house and Verne and I used to joke about his yearly front porch painting chore. He would always try to "trick" me into doing it for him, but I would tell him it was his ONLY chore all year. He was always smiling, and always glad to see you and talk to you. He will be greatly missed.



Susie Irwin - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ So very sorry to hear about Verne's passing. I was a card dealer at Bay Mills and looked forward to seeing him on the days he would come. The conversations and many laughs will be missed. Fly high, Verne! 🥹

Kaytlyn St.Peter - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Terry-Lynn ,Randy,Brian and Cheryl very sorry to hear of your Dads passing he was a special person to me,one of my favorite Uncles he will allways be in my thought,he can now go to the big Casino in the sky with your Mom!!!



Richard Maki - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Thank you for everything Verne!

Todd Harned - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I will miss our friend and our golf outings will never be the same without Verne. He was a very special man who I had the pleasure of being his friend and the memories of so many good times and laughs will always be with me.
My sympathies go out to the families. R.I.P. my friend, you will be missed.

Charly Murray - December 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Mr Coutant was my boxing coach from the age of 10 yo until I was around 16 yo. I joined the Marine Corps and after discharge got my degree from Lake Superior State. I moved to Maine 21 years ago but visit the Soo to see my family periodically. Over the years I always wanted to tell Mr Coutant how he made such a positive impact on me. Four years ago after not seeing him for 30-years I found his number and reached out. I wanted to introduce my son to someone who helped me realize the importance of hard work, kindness and just being there for the good of helping others. He never got paid to help / coach us kids but he did it from a place of giving. To the family... you are in my thoughts and prayers. To Mr Coutant, thank you for being such a good role model and influence in my life.

Ron Emerson - December 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ My sincerest sympathies on the passing of your father. I remember him well. As kids we straightened up fast when he was around, I remember him as someone who commanded respect. May your memories of him bring you comfort.

Tim Atkinson - December 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ So sorry to see this, what a great guy that will be missed a lot by all of us at the Dream Catchers Restaurant! xo

Tina Wurster - December 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM