



## David George Orchard

March 2, 2015 - August 30, 2015

David George Orchard, 80, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on March 2, 1935, in Iron River, Michigan, son of the late Ernest and Myrtle (Roberts) Orchard.

David graduated from Iron River High School in 1953. He attended Cleary Business College, in Ypsilanti, Michigan and worked for American Air Lines at Willow Run Airport until he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Korea. Upon his return he furthered his education with the help from the G.I. Bill and part time work with children at the Hawthorne Center Children's Psychiatric Unit, until he graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a BS degree in Business Administration in 1960.

David worked at International Harvester in St. Paul, Minnesota; the Firestone Store in Owosso, Michigan; Cloverland Contracting in Crystal Falls; A.C. Hoyle Co. in Iron Mountain; and Customer Metal Fabrication in Iron Mountain until retiring in 2000.

David married Carolyn Symmonds at St. John's Episcopal Church in Iron River, Michigan, on June 16, 1956. He was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, serving as treasurer, vestry member, and the organist for many years.

David was a member of the Jaycees in Owosso, Michigan, Kiwanis Club in Iron Mountain, and is a life-time member of the Tufts-Rondon VFW Post 2891 in Crystal Falls. David enjoyed sports, working in his yard, and music. He played the piano, accordion, clarinet, and bass vile in High School. David was the current organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crystal Falls.

David was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Bill Orchard, Sister-in-law, Marylee Symmonds.

David is survived by his wife Carolyn Orchard of Crystal Falls; two daughters, Gwen (Dale) Hendrickson of Grandville, Michigan; Jacquie (Shahryar) Oliai of Rockford, MI; and son David (Gail) Orchard of Green Bay, Wis.; four grand children, Kyle and Derek

Hendrickson and Sarah and Roya Oliai; brother-in-law, Bob Symmonds; two sister-in-laws, Helen (Jerome) Smith of Grand Rapids, and Priscilla (Bill) Povilus of Las Vegas, Nevada, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The visitation will be held on Friday, September 4, 2015 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct Military Honors at 4:15pm at the funeral home. Visitation will also be held on Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 10:00am to 11:00am at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crystal Falls. The Funeral Service will follow at 11:00am at the church. The Rev. Manuel Padilla will officiate.

Entombment will be in St. Mark's Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. Mark's Church or the Iron County Cancer Unit, PO Box 45, Iron River, MI 49935

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David Orchard online at <http://www.nashfuneralhome.net>.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with funeral arrangements.

# Events

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**SEP**   **Visitation**            04:00PM - 07:00PM  
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Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St., Crystal Falls, MI, US, 49920

**SEP**   **Visitation**            10:00AM - 11:00AM  
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St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
809 Crystal Ave., Crystal Falls, MI, US, 49920

**SEP**   **Funeral Service**                    11:00AM  
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# Comments

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“ Dear Carolyn,

On behalf of the Iron County Clergy Association and in hope of the Christian resurrection, I want to extend my condolences to you and the family on the passing of Dave. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

James Swanson

**Rev. James Swanson** - September 24, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ Carolyn and Family,  
Our condolences for your loss. My words will not do justice but Dave was one of the truly "good" guys in our world. An example we all strive to follow. Many happy memories of his positive and honest attitude. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Don Larson (the younger one) for the entire Larson Family

**Don Larson** - September 04, 2015 at 09:15 AM

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“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David George Orchard.



September 04, 2015 at 08:49 AM

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“ Carolyn & Family  
Sorry to learn of David's passing....my thoughts & prayers go out to your family. You must now cherish the memories of the many years you had together...  
Nancy Saundri

**Nancy Saundri** - September 03, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ Carolyn and Family,

We are very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a great classmate and we really enjoyed our visits during our class reunions and whenever I ran in to him in Iron River. I also give him a salute as a fellow Korean War Veteran.

You have our sincere sympathy.

~Ron & Jan Scott

**Ron Scott** - September 02, 2015 at 11:15 AM

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“ Dear Carolyn and family,

We are saddened to hear of the death of Dave, he was one special guy,. I enjoyed having him in my class and seeing him at all our our class reunions. We will miss him.

He is now at peace and not suffering any longer.

Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Ralph and Rosie Van Wagner

**Ralph and Rosie Van Wagner** - September 02, 2015 at 09:38 AM

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“ Jacquie's Book Club friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David George Orchard.



**Jacquie's Book Club friends** - September 01, 2015 at 02:56 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David George Orchard.



September 01, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ David was a great human being and married to a great lady for many years. Heaven is a better place today and our prayers are with you Carolyn. Jerry Seppanen

**Jerry Seppanen** - September 01, 2015 at 12:01 PM

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“ With Deepest sympathy, I will always remember Mr. Orchard from the summers at the Lake, horse shoes near the beach (with him keeping everyone honest with the scores) and sitting by the fire at night with him playing the accordion and everyone singing. Those were the times I will never forget. God Bless you. - Tom Strang

**Tom Strang** - September 01, 2015 at 10:46 AM

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“ Knox, Doris and Salonen family. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of David George Orchard.



**Knox, Doris and Salonen family.** - August 31, 2015 at 08:36 PM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of David George Orchard.



August 31, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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“ With our deepest sympathy - Your Friends at ESPEC purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David George Orchard.



With our deepest sympathy - Your Friends at ESPEC - August 31, 2015 at 03:42 PM

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“ David lived a full life and after everything is said and done a man will be judged by the family he and his wife created, he did a pretty good job.

David Hendrickson - August 31, 2015 at 02:05 PM



“ David was a comrade and loyal member of VFW post 2891. He made a special effort to attend all our ceremonies, whether at the post or cemetery for honors. We will miss you comrade Orchard.

Marvin Hill Cmdr Post 2891 - August 31, 2015 at 06:27 PM