



David Allan Ketola

January 10, 1940 - June 7, 2023

David Allan Ketola, 83 years of age, of Crystal Falls, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 7th, 2023, at Aspirus Hospital. He was born in Stambaugh, Michigan, on January 10, 1940, to Eino and Lula (Koivisto) Ketola. He was a 1958 graduate of Amasa High School. On July 11, 1959, he married his sweetheart Geri Arcand in Crystal Falls, Michigan. He went to work in the woods with his family at an early age throughout his high school years, after which he entered his lifetime profession as a Heavy Equipment Operator with many different construction companies over the years. David was a proud lifetime union member of the Operating Engineers 324.

In Dave's free time he loved to be in the woods hunting deer and enjoying all the social activities at the family camps. He was an avid snowmobiler, loved rides in his dune buggy, and belonged to bowling leagues in both Ishpeming and Crystal Falls. He was a member of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Chippewa Sno-Kats, and North Country Cruisers Car Club.

Dave is survived by Geri, his wife of 63 years; 5 foster children, his godson, Jeremy Alquist and partner Lindsay and their 3 children, Dani and the twins Revi and Rory, James (Betty) Ketola, Gerald (Elaine) Ketola, Linda Besiak, and Philip (Peggy) Ketola; brother-in-law, Larry Schiavo; brother-in-law, Larry (Paula) Arcand; and many nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Virginia Ann; parents, Eino & Lula Ketola; sister, Susan Schiavo; brother, Robert Ketola; sister-in-law, Bonnie Ketola; brother-in-law, Barry Besiak; sister-in-law, Jeanne Arcand; and nephews, Tom Ketola and Dean Arcand.

Pallbearers include Jeremy Alquist, Tony Arcand, Philip Ketola, Josh Ketola, Jordan Ketola, Mike Besiak, and Tony Schiavo.

Family and friends may call from 9:00 am until 10:30 am on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Crystal Falls with Father Dan Malone officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Crystal Falls St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery following the funeral services.

Memorials may be made in his memory.

Condolences to the family of David Allan Ketola may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **15**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 North Third St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

JUN **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Geri and family,
I just learned of David's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. I hold my memories of you and David in my computer classes close to my heart. Those were some fun classes.
God bless,
Susan Moll

Susan Moll - September 13, 2023 at 11:10 AM

RJ

“ Dear Geri and family,
I was sorry to read of Dave's death. I hope that the many good memories you have of all your years together will sustain you now and in the future. We grew up together and were good friends. God bless, Ray Jarvis

ray jarvis - June 14, 2023 at 12:02 PM

KP

“ Karen Pearson lit a candle in memory of David Allan Ketola



Karen Pearson - June 14, 2023 at 10:50 AM

GC

“ Gary Clark lit a candle in memory of David Allan Ketola



Gary Clark - June 14, 2023 at 10:27 AM

SC

“ We have very good memories of David, he was a great neighbor and friend.
Great man and person. Lots of stories we shared throughout the years.
We will sure miss you...Love you Geri

~ Steve & Marcia

Steven & Marcia Casey - June 14, 2023 at 08:04 AM

PK

“ It's so difficult to express sympathy but all we can say is how sorry we are. We have a ton of memories to look back on. Our trip out west, the trip around Lake Superior and all our cribbage and smear games through the years. David is going to be missed by so many people 😞. Love you Geri.

Patt and Bernie Kosiba - June 13, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of David Allan Ketola.



June 13, 2023 at 07:24 PM

JN

“ Geri,

*So sorry to hear of Dave's passing.
I had many good times with both of you during my years in Crystal Falls.
He was a good man and friend.
God Bless!!!*

Joe Nash

JOSEPH NASH - June 13, 2023 at 06:27 PM

BC

“ *Bob and Sheila Casagranda purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David Allan Ketola.*



Bob and Sheila Casagranda - June 13, 2023 at 10:49 AM

BB

“ *It was a pleasure knowing Dave n loved his smile when he looked up at ya, like what da heck where you thinking. Hugs to Geri n family.*



Bob Black - June 13, 2023 at 05:46 AM

TH

“ Terry Wayne Hanttula lit a candle in memory of David Allan Ketola



Terry Wayne Hanttula - June 12, 2023 at 04:00 PM

JL

“ Jean L. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Allan Ketola.



Jean L. - June 12, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CS

“ Candy Soderena lit a candle in memory of David Allan Ketola



Candy Soderena - June 12, 2023 at 02:33 PM