



David A. Vander Sande

September 25, 1932 - January 25, 2018

David A. Vander Sande, 85, of Iron River, went to his eternal home peacefully with family friends at his side on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the Iron River Care Center.

He was born September 25, 1932 in Ashland, WI, son of the late Andrew and Genevieve (Thede) Vander Sande. Dave graduated from Lincoln High School in Manitowoc, WI in 1950 and immediately enlisted in the United States Air Force. He proudly served his country during the Korean War era as a Radar Mechanic and was honorably discharged on May 13, 1954. As a Radar Mechanic, Dave specialized in the install and repair of the radar systems found in aircraft and had the privilege of working on the Apollo Spacecraft. Following his military service, Dave went to work for General Motors, as an Electronic Technician, retiring in 2004, after 50 years of hard work and dedication. He received an award for his achievements throughout his career. Dave bought property in Iron River Michigan in the early 80's and moved to Iron River after retirement. He loved feeding the deer that would frequent his property and many would gather around him while being fed. Dave was an avid collector of trains and guns and was always inventing household gadgets for practical use both indoors and out. David enjoyed playing the piano and photography. He was known as the "Horsie Grandpa" as he would put coins in the coin operated horse located in the Angeli's mall so the children could take the 60 sec ride. He was a truly kind man and loved talking to people from all

walks of life about life itself. Dave loved the Lord and never hesitated to talk to people about Him.

Dave is survived by two sisters, Patricia Hicks of Pensacola, FL and Janice (James Sr.) Revolinsky of Manitowoc, WI; a sister-in-law, Ruthann Vander Sande; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Roger and one brother-in-law, Marvin Hicks and a sister-in-law, Marion Vander Sande.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Jason Mattson will officiate. The Eastside Veterans Council will conduct a Pass-In-Review prior to the service. Burial will be in the Bates Township Cemetery in the spring.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of David Vander Sande online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Deborah (Ron Lamontagne) and Ruthann Vander Sande purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of David A. Vander Sande.*



Deborah (Ron Lamontagne) and Ruthann Vander Sande -
January 31, 2018 at 02:51 PM

DL

“ *Dance with the angels Uncle David...your greeting cards and notes sent over the years were always warm and genuine and a true reflection of your love for our Father.*

Your gift of that violin so very many many years ago, gave us many opportunities to chat about music. My time in the military also gave us many opportunities to connect in conversations on the role of women in the Army. Most of which made me laugh!

You are my Dad's baby brother, and as you join your Dad and brothers in heaven, make blessed mischief there! May you rejoice in His company!

Love you and saddened for not spending more time with you over the recent years.

I know you're at peace...

Deborah (Ronald Lamontagne) Vander Sande

Deborah Lamontagne - January 31, 2018 at 02:43 PM

PF

“ I've known him since the 80's. He was a very intelligent man and wanted to share stories about life. He was also a very humble man and did not talk much about all of his wonderful achievements unless I brought them up to him. He brought me many candy bars, (the best way to a woman's heart). We met through my father who friended Dave years ago through real estate. He became another "grandpa" to my kids and their kids. He had a genuine love for children. We too became good friends, he always wanted to talk, I always took time to listen. He was witty and cared for others. Politics mad him angry, haha so I got to see different personalities come out. I will truly miss Dave, he was special person and I am grateful I got to have been a part of his life as well. I had the privilege of caring for Dave for the last year - it was an honor to know him!

Punner Franzene - January 30, 2018 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ Uncle David was always the quiet brother and was always attentive

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Didn't know him well personally as an adult, but as a kid he was, always around and always easy to be with.

We know he loved the Lord and we rejoice he is with Him

Love you uncle David

Mark Vander Sande

Mark Vander Sande - January 29, 2018 at 09:07 PM

SK

Rest in peace Uncle David. Please give my dad a hug when you see him.

Shelly Klotzbuecher

Shelly Klotzbuecher - January 31, 2018 at 09:32 AM