



## Harley W. Davis

May 11, 1933 - January 18, 2017

Harley W. Davis, 83, of Alpha, MI, died Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at his home.

He was born May 11, 1933 in Crystal Falls, son of the late Anthony and Stella (Thompson) Davis. Harley was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War serving with the 18th Engineer Battalion. He married Frances Miller on June 10, 1958 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls. She preceded him in death in 1991. Harley worked as a self employed logger for many years and owned and operated several saw mills during that time. He then went to work for Amerigas as a truck driver and delivered gas to area residents for over 25 years. Harley was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2891, a member of the American Legion Post 87 and served on the Alpha/Mastodon Fire Department from 1974-92, holding the position of Fire Chief from 1976-79. He had a love for music was a talented and well known musician in the area. Harley played in several bands including The Red Devils and Harley & The Country Boys and was known in the musical circle as "The Legend". His humor and wisdom will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Harley is survived by three children, Harley (Margaret) Davis of Wisconsin, Margie Heimerl of Crystal Falls and Jay (Jessica) Davis of Kingsford; a brother, Gene (Norma) Davis of Hoyt Lakes, MN; a sister, Nancy (Ray) Farrell of Crystal Falls; grandchildren, Justin (Jill) Davis, Joseph Heimerl, Camille

Davis, Tony Heimerl, Schuyler Davis, and Lora and Jacen Davis; great grandchildren, Delilah, Brailyn & Christian; and a special friend, Roger Grandahl.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by many good friends.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 20 from 11:00 am-12:45 pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The Eastside Veterans Council and the Alpha Fire Department will do a Pass-in-Review at 12:45 pm on Friday at the funeral home. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 pm with Fr. Raymond Valerio officiating. Burial will take place in the spring in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Harley Davis online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls

## Pass-in-Review

JAN 20. 12:45 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls

## Funeral Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 N. Third St.  
Crystal Falls



# Tribute Wall

LD

“ So sorry to hear about Harley. We played many years ago in bands together. He was always laughing and fun to be around. May he rest in peace and God bless his family.

*Lou and Naomi DeZorzi*

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**Lou DeZorzi** - January 27, 2017 at 02:02 PM

SD

“ My sympathy to the Davis family. I took great interest in reading Harley's obituary and regret that I didn't know him as well as I could have. My loss is not having known him, his music, and his humor.  
*Sally Davis Campana*

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**Sally Davis** - January 27, 2017 at 08:59 AM

RP

“ Harley, Margie, & Jay so sorry to here of the passing of your dad. He was a very nice & fun person & handsome. He will be missed!

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**Robbi (Stachowicz) Pittenger** - January 25, 2017 at 04:05 PM

JC

“ Harley was a good friend of mine. We played in a band together and played guitars together for many years. We will miss him, he was the best. "  
*Rest in peace"*  
*Jim and lone Condon*

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**Jim Condon** - January 22, 2017 at 09:39 AM

JD

*Thanks Jim, your comments mean a lot  
Jay*

**Jay Davis** - January 22, 2017 at 10:52 PM

JD

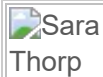
*Was that band the Falcons?*

**Jay Davis** - January 22, 2017 at 11:00 PM



“ *I remember Harley from the years he worked for my Dad, John Mattson. He was the best driver we ever had. I remember when he played for my baby shower at the Chippewa bar. And many places the band played at. He had a great sense of humor. I will miss him.*

**Anita Phillips** - January 19, 2017 at 09:27 PM

 Sara  
Thorp

*Harley found humor in the oddest circumstances. Every house he and Fran lived in had connecting rooms that made a circle. In the Jackson house the bathroom was part of that circle. He was always ready with a commentary of sitting on the toilet watching 3 or 4 kids run into one end of the room and out the other slamming the doors shut behind them. He always laughed loudest at his own jokes. Sure will miss his humor.*

**Sara Thorp** - January 20, 2017 at 01:31 AM