



Kenneth Stockero,

May 2, 1933 - April 20, 2010

Kenneth J. Stockero Sr., 76, of Crystal Falls, passed away, Tuesday April 20, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Ken was born on May 2, 1933 in Crystal Falls and was the son of the late Peter and Marie (Nowak) Stockero. He has been a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls and a graduate of Crystal Falls High School. Ken attended Technical School and then the Police Academy. From 1951-54 he served with the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After returning from the service, Ken married the former Marilyn Tousignant on November 13, 1954 in Crystal Falls, she preceded him in death on November 6, 2001. Ken worked as a machinist for several years. From August of 1967 to February of 1975 he was a police officer for the City of Crystal Falls. Ken then worked as a fire fighter for the city for about 15 years until 1990 when he returned to the police department and retired as Chief of Police in June of 1993. He was a member of Guardian Angels Church in Crystal Falls. Ken loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed waterskiing with his grandchildren and playing cards with his buddies. He most enjoyed spending time with his family.

Ken is survived by his five children, Michelle (Gary) Turner of Crystal Falls, Deborah (Ron Lehtikangas) West of Crystal Falls, Sally McCarthy of Crystal Falls, Kenneth "Joey" (Sheila) Stockero Jr. of Crystal Falls and Kathy (Paul) Kinville of Harvey, MI; grandchildren, Patrick Turner, Michael Turner (Amy Fabri), Bobbi Jo (Jim Anderson) Stockero, Billie Jo Stockero, Sammy Jo

Stockero, Kaylee West, Michael West, Ryan and Ben Lehtikangas, Adelle (Jim) Ashcraft, John Anderson, Jessica Stachowicz (Tom Zima), Jacob Stachowicz; great grandchildren, McKenzie and Zackery, Hal and Tommy Hoenig, Torie and James, Emily, Luke, Abigail, Noah, Hayden, Kaylin and Taylor; and Nancy Hay, the mother of Bobbi Jo, Billie Jo, and Sammy Jo Stockero. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Roy and Robert "Popo" Stockero.

Visitation will be from 9:00 to 11:00am CST on Friday, April 23, at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. Police, fire and military personnel will stand honor guard while the Eastside Veterans Council conducts a pass-in-review at 11:00am CST at the funeral home. Funeral services will follow at 11:30am CST at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will officiate. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Northstar Hospice.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to Northstar Hospice, the Iron County Cancer Society and a special thank you to Mary Lou Alexa.

Condolences to the family of Kenneth J. Stockero Sr. may be made online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Veterans Pass-in-Review

APR 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

APR 23. 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *I love and miss you Grandpa!!!!*

Mckenzie Turner - Great Grandpa - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *To the family of Uncle Nonnie,*

I just heard the news of your loss from my mom, I want to share my condolences to the whole family. I would have been there if we would have known. Just know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Sharon Loose

Sharon (Stockero) Loose - Coleman, MI - Niece - April 26, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *We'll be having coffee on the deck in Nonnies Nook weekend mornings with you dad :-)*

Deb & Ron - daughter & son in law - April 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *I knew Nonnie since I was a kid and am most fortunate that my daughter was able to know him as well when her and Jess were best of buddies. The fun they had with him at Lake Mary is still a great memory Kelle talks about. I can't find the words to describe how I feel about Nonnie leaving this earth but find comfort knowing he's with Marilyn! Our prayers are with you all!*

Axel and Cindy Anderson - friend - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Nonnie is in a better place now, I know he'll be watching all of us with Marilyn and chuckling as he always did. This world was better for him being it it too! Nonnie made a great impression on me over all the years as a young boy, then a young man, and finally a man with my own family. His family ways, caring and giving to all, is in greate part why I visited with my daughter Maggie, as much as I could....it is just right, that folks should know their realtives. It makes me smile to remember how Nonnie would tease Maggie, and when she was little, make her talk just to hear her speak in southernise! Nonnie loved is family and extended family more than anyone else I know. We should all be so lucky to have that gift, and wisdom. To the family, may find find comfort in knowing your father and grandfather loved you all deeply, and that others share in your loss. May God bless you all.

Neil "Nick" Tousignant - Freeport, FL - nephew - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Our sympathy to all the family on the loss of your loved one.
Scott and Linda Chanlynn (Pine Mountain)

Scott and Linda Chanlynn - Florence, WI - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Although i was quite young when we left Michigan, and my memories are few, I do remember our families visits up there as well as they're visits down here. I remember how uncle Nonnie Love to laugh and make jokes. I also remember how he perticurly Loved teasing aunt Mary. I would catch that special glint in his eyes when he could make someone laugh. He was firm when we kids got into trouble but always softend with a large heart. My memories of uncle Nonnie will always be pleasant ones. OUR LOVE TO THE FAMILY , Pat, Joanna, Scott, Candace Tousignant

Patrick, Joanna, Scott, Candace Tousignant - Freeport, FL - Nephew - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ To the Stockero family,
May the many memories you all have, comfort you always.
I am sorry for your loss.

Laura Bowman Jenkins - WI - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Were to start there are so many memories of our time with Nonnie and Mary, both in Mishagan and Florida. I remember when we lived in Crystal Falls one Christmas Nonnie took my brother Neil with him to cut Christmas trees for both our homes, mom (JoEllen) told Nonnie she wanted a big one to reach the roof of the living room and they brought back one so tall neil went out on the pourch roof to hold the top of the tree we used the top half and the church used the rest of the tree for their needs.

The one time my wife got to meet Nonnie and Mary was in the north Ga. mountains and they treated her as if they had known her all her life.

May God bless the family and friends of the Stockero's for they will be missed each and every day from now till we see them in Heaven with God .

Bryan Tousignant and Family

Bryan Tousignant, Carol And family - Dalton , GA - Family - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To Ken's family, we just read online here in Nashville about Ken's passing away. May all your good memories help you through the difficult days ahead. Our thoughts are with you all.

Charie and Janie Bandaccari - Crystal Falls, MI - April 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ND

“ I remember when Nonni backed into our Mustang with his and Marilyn's camper when we were traveling back from Vegas and he had everyone believing I drove into him!! Funny guy :))

He had a way of always making me laugh.

He had a nick name for everyone and made everyone feel special and important. I cried on his should many a time!! I will miss him VERY much.

Nancy Hay - Daughter-in-Law - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ our thoughts and prayers are with you,so very sorry for your loss.

all our love aunt sandy and uncle tom

tom and sany niemela - aunt to ken jr.s daughters - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Ken and Family~

You are in our thoughts and prayers. We are very sorry for your loss.

Lyn, Tom and Staff at The Chippewa Club

Chippewa Club/Lyn - Friends - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Many thoughts and prayers with all of you.

Woody and Sara Skibo - Crystal Falls, MI - friends - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ With deepest sympathy on your loss. It was a pleasure to have known Ken.

Gail Hackman - Iron Mtn - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ No matter what we did, where we went, or what time it was, day or night, he always knew what Kath and I did. Therefore, I affectionately nicknamed him "Hawkeye."

He and Marilyn will be playing cards till we join them.

God bless you, Hawkeye!

Suzie (Ball) Alexa - Crystal Falls, MI - "Neighborhood" daughter - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ Stocker,
Going to miss your special sense of humor. Fondest memory of you is when you retired and opened your special present "a box of cat"

Love ya, miss ya

Greg Anderson - Superior/Duluth, WI - Fellow Law Enforcement Officer - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ When Jessica and I were in grade school on up into high school we used to go tubing with Nonnie out at Lake Mary. We had such a blast and it was so awesome how he took time to spend with us. I'm so glad now that Nonnie can be up in heave with his lovely wife Marilyn!! Miss you and love you Nonnie.

Keep your heads up Stockero family!! Nonnie is no longer suffering!! He is in a way better place than all of us!

Kelle Clements (Anderson) - Gaastra, MI - friend - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Nonnie and my brother George were inseparable growing up together until they left for the service. Many of hours were spent walking back and forth from the Western Location to Runkle Lake and then to my mom and dads house on M-69. Needless to say us girls would be right along with them swimming and hanging out at the changing house and pavilion when it rained. The only trouble we really got into was crossing Gemos property, it was a shortcut and Mr. Gemo did not want to be bothered by us kids. My Grandmothers barn was also off limits to us, but we still spent a lot of time jumping from the hay loft..Nonnie was a good friend and will be sadly missed by all my family..Our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Janet Engstrom Noel - Apache Junction, AZ - old friend - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ STOCKER- THANKS FOR ALL THE NITES YOU ALLOWED ME TO PLAY CARDS AT THE FIREHALL AND TAKE MY MONEY AND LAUGH. TILL WEE HRS. IN THE A.M. THAT WAS PRICELESS.

MR. DAVID - crystal falls, MI - CARD PLYING BUDDY - April 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM