



Lawrence "Larry" Harrington

May 3, 1936 - May 3, 2010

Lawrence M. "Larry" Harrington, 74, of 133 N. River in Crystal Falls, passed away on Monday, May 3, 2010, at his home.

Larry was born Aug. 17, 1935, in Crystal Falls, son of the late Michael and Yarda (West) Harrington. He was a 1953 graduate of St. Matthews High School in Flint, Mich., and went on to attend the General Motors Institute and Bay De Noc Community College.

Larry married Shelby Grubbs in Flint on March 26, 1955. He was employed by General Motors for 16 years until moving back to Crystal Falls in 1969. Larry worked as a fire officer for 20 years with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

He was very active in local politics and served the community in many capacities. He was an Iron County Commissioner for 16 years, five of which he was chairman of the board. He sat on the Michigan Association of Counties, serving as vice president for one year. Larry was a member of the Governing Board of Michigan Municipalities (MMRMA) for 15 years and was a board member for UPCAP as well as the city of Crystal Falls planning and zoning board. He was chairman of the Tri County Answers Board and held a seat on the Pleasant Valley and ORV boards.

Larry was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time at camp. Larry most loved the time he spent with his family

Larry is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shelby; a son, Michael (Jennifer) Harrington of Marquette; a daughter, Pamela (Dominic) Beaudre of Manistique; four grandchildren, Steven (Sarah) Harrington USAF of Spokane, Wash., Melissa Harrington (Eric Rodorigo) of Chandler, Ariz., Melanie (Jerry) Cryderman of Sault Ste. Marie, and Matthew (Robin) Takala of Evansville, Wis.; and four great-grandchildren, Karissa and Darren Rodorigo, Kassidy Cryderman and Lilly Ellen Takala.

Visitation will be Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

The Knights of Columbus will recite the rosary at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Doug Stacy, Charles Sartori, Chris West, Jeff West, John Faccin, Patrick Olson, James Sartori and Tom Pringing.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Lawrence "Larry" Harrington online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Rosary

MAY 6. 6:30 PM (CT)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

BL

“ well lar, missing you much I know you are looking over us . please look over cary . we miss you and will always remember the good times .
love and miss you bon

bonnie austin - reese, MI - sister in law - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ We're going to be visiting Crystal Falls in a few weeks and I've been thinking of you lately. Missing you every day gramps!

Melissa Harrington - Chandler, AZ - June 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Hard to believe its been a year already, just wanted to say I love you and miss you. RIP Grandpa

Steven Harrington - Grandson - May 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I've known Larry for years as he worked with my husband, Bob, for the state. Larry always had time to stop and talk and share a story or two. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pat Westcott

Pat Westcott - May 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Shelby and family...So sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed visiting you and Larry. We always had good conversations and loved to see you guys. We will always remember Larry's involvement in his community and his love of his family. Always take pride in what you did for Larry at home. It is the best place when you go through difficult times. As hard as it is to have someone pass away at home you will never regret it. It is very tiring but well worth the love that went into it. Always know that if you need something you can call...We love you Shelby.*

Jim and Mary Harrington - Escanaba, MI - Jim is Larry's cousin - May 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Dear Shelby & Family:
I was saddened to hear of the news of Larry's passing. He was such a friendly, caring man who always was willing to help and assist around the parish. I so enjoyed our many conversations during my time at Guardian Angels.
May the Lord bless you all with the peace and comfort only He can provide at this time of loss in your lives. Eternal rest grant unto Larry, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he now rest in the embracing peace of the risen Christ.
My prayers and love,
Fr. Dino*

Fr. Dino Silvestrini - Bradenton, FL - Former Pastor - May 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My grandpa taught me many things. He always said family is the most important thing you can have and that a strong work ethic and respect for others will help you be successful in life. He taught me about politics and history; to take chances and to follow your dreams. I will miss him more than anyone can know.*

Melissa Harrington - Chandler, AZ - Granddaughter - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Shelby, Pam, Mike and Family...I'm so sorry for your loss. Larry was always a very warm, caring and friendly guy as well as a great being a great joke teller :-). Words can't even begin to help the feelings of loss you are experiencing, but please know you are in our thoughts and our hearts go out to you. May the great memories you shared with your husband, dad & grandpa help ease the ache in the years to come.*

Debbie West - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *First and foremost Larry was our friend. We could count on Larry for encouragement, understanding and guidance. His command of the English Language was thought provoking and made us look within ourselves for the answers we were seeking.*

Larry helped open the doors to Iron County Government for both of us and we looked forward to bouncing our thoughts and ideas off of him. His gift of compassion and his sense of humor taught us to believe in ourselves and work hard for what we believe in.

Larry was a loyal friend, always said what he thought and I am sure he was a mentor to many, especially to both of us. He was a blessing and we are honored to have had him in our lives. He will be deeply missed and our prayers and thoughts are with you Shelby, if you ever need anything, please know we are here for you.

Larry truly was a statesman who was well respected among his peers. He earned the respect of those he worked with and those who follow him.

Larry will be missed by many, but he will always be with us in our minds and our hearts and we will know he is with us when we feel that cool breeze on our necks and when our hair stands on end. We love you and will miss you dear friend. Until we meet again. God Bless

John and Cathy Faccin - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Larry was my friend and my mentor. As a young journalist, he helped me understand the complexities of just about every issue imaginable - from local government revenue sharing to DNR forest management plans.

He and Shelby shared their experience, comfort, guidance, friendship and encouragement throughout my life. There was rarely an issue - personal and professional - that I couldn't count on help and support from the Harrington family.

I will miss our hours-long policy talks; I will miss his smile and big-hearted laughs; I will miss his incite and experience; most of all, I will miss his leadership.

Lar' - I will carry your memory in my heart and your wisdom in my mind for the rest of my life. I will try my best to serve as honorably as you have over your blessed life. I will look forward to seeing you again someday in the fellowship of God's people in the hope and promise we share in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless, strengthen and encourage your family all of their days.

Pete Mackin - Marquette, MI - Friend - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Larry has left his footprint on Iron County. He truly cared about Iron County and its residents. His tremendous knowledge of the IC rec trail was an asset and that knowledge will be sorely missed. Sue enjoyed the many years she worked with Larry. We both considered him a friend. Our sincere sympathy to Shelby and family. Iron County has lost a great man! We share your loss.

Dan and Sue Passamani - Friend - May 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ We in our community and county will especially miss Larry's presence. He was a dedicated public servant who never lost sight of the individual concerns and needs of his constituents. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harrington family during this difficult time.

Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck/John and Lorna Anderson - May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I'm so sorry for your loss- he was a Great asset to the County for the all the hard work he was able to do for the County.

Bob Black - Co- Commissioner - May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Dear Harrington Family:

It is with sadness that I learn of Larry's death. I always had an immense amount of respect for him and I will miss him for the rest of my life. I have worked with Larry for over 20 years. I truly enjoyed every minute I shared with him.

My prayers are with you. Remember, Larry loved you all.

Sincerely,

Steve Gagne

Steve Gagne - Crystal Falls, MI - Professional-Politics - May 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM