



Raymond Matson

November 23, 1941 - November 23, 2010

Raymond R. Matson, 69, of Crystal Falls, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at his home.

Raymond was born Nov. 7, 1941, in Crystal Falls, son of the late Jalmer and Impi (Kettula) Matson. He was a 1960 graduate of the Crystal Falls High School. Upon graduation, Raymond moved to Rockford, Ill. where he worked various jobs in construction. He also lived in Chicago, Green Bay, Wis. and the Iron Mountain area before moving back to Crystal Falls in 1967.

He worked construction for Fayas and Sons until his retirement. Raymond was an avid Forest Park football fan. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, being in the woods, and feeding the wildlife around his home.

He was a fan of NASCAR, cheering on the Miller Lite drivers and also was a member of the Swan Lake Skeet Club. Raymond loved being with his family and grandchildren and will be deeply missed.

Raymond is survived by one son, Kurt (Katherine) Matson of Farmington, Mich.; daughters, Kim (John) Mastie of Crystal Falls and Ginger (James "Stoney") Wilson of Crystal Falls; grandchildren, Brandi Wilson and Dana and Michele Matson.

Visitation will be held Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls.

A memorial service will follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory may be made to the Iron County Medical Facility or the Forest Park Booster Club.

Condolences to the family of Raymond R. Matson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **29**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

NOV **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Kim, Kurt and Ginger*

*I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I cannot even imagine.
He was a wonderful man, always able to make one smile.*

*Cherish the memories
Corrine Clavey*

Corrine Clavey - cousin - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Kurt, Kim, John, Stoney and Ginger and Brandi,*

I was deeply saddened when Ryan told me about the loss of your dad. He said the memorial was beautiful and Ryan brought home the card from his services. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to hug you all, but I am glad Ryan got to go.

Ray was such a good guy and fun to be with! I have very fond and vivid memories of him at Memory Lane. Having just lost my mom, I know exactly how you feel right now.

You're in my prayers and thoughts. With love - Sharon

Sharon Mitchell - Friend of Ray's and his family - December 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Matson family-*

I'm so very sorry for your loss; I've known Ray for many years as he and my dad were friends. I will miss that hearty laugh and great big smile of his - may good memories be a comfort to you during this difficult time.

Tracie Westcott - Green Bay, WI - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *To the family of Ray Mattson - I am saddened to learn of Ray's passing. Although it has been several years since I've seen or spoken with him, my memories of our past conversations/visits are good ones. Ray always had a smile and interesting story to share. My husband, John, also looked forward to chatting with him at Jubilee. His presence will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Lorna (Makuck) Anderson - Friend - November 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ *My deepest sympathy to you children and grandchildren. Ray was a driving force in planning our class reunions and will be deeply missed. You're all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Bonnie Makuck Westin - Gladstone, MI - friend - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *so sorry to hear of the loss of Ray he was a very sweet person,he took me to my first prom which will hold alot of memories of a dear friend,my thoughts and pray's go out to his family...R.I.P. RAY. Judy*

Judy demerath(rosengren) - saukville, WI - class mate 1960 - November 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your lose. He will be missed by so many! I know you are all sad at this time, but time helps heal the sadness and you will remember the wonderful times! I will miss your Dad - he was always friendly to me when I saw him. Hug each other and your children and remember the good times. He is in the great hunting fields in the sky.

Sandy Absolon Anderson and family - November 28, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Ginger and Kim: Brad and I are sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. May God bless both of you and your families.

Brad and Carrie Kaiser

Brad and Carrie Kaiser - Iron River, MI - Bowl with Kim and Ginger - November 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM