



David Kanerva

March 6, 1988 - October 4, 2022

NORWAY- David Charles Kanerva age 34 of Norway, died unexpectedly Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at his home in Norway.

He was born on March 6, 1988 in Marquette, Michigan

He was one ounce shy of ten pounds and his father commented, "he was born ready for steak and potatoes". That wasn't far from the truth. David loved good food, anything cooked on the grill and anything covered in hot sauce.

David was a 2006 graduate of Norway High School, but had attended school in Gladstone his freshman year.

David played football and was on the wrestling team. He excelled at both. That year Gladstone's JV football team won all but one game.

David was a truly warm and decent soul, who never meant anyone any harm. He was a good son, a good brother and a good friend.

David is survived by his mother and step-father Tamara and Charles Ranta of Beecher, WI; two brothers Eero Kanerva of Colstrip, MO and Bryce Brown of Iron Mountain; four sisters Laura Kanerva of Kingsley, Kristin (Ken) Tryan of Gladstone, Bridget Brown of Iron Mountain and Becky Brown of Norway; one niece; and one great niece; he also has a large extended family and is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins; many friends in the Norway and Gladstone area.

He was preceded in death by his father David V. Kanerva.

David was a very likable young man, he may be gone from our daily lives and we may not see him at the sandy edge of the lake, but he will live forever in our hearts and in our minds.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, October 15, from 2-3 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
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Memorial Service

OCT 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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“ Meeting Dave was a pinnacle of my younger years. Starting off at McDonalds in Norway, I spent many nights working with Dave. The laughter, workplace frustration, and long hours brought us closer together than one could imagine. Teaching each other different ways of doing things and causing harmless chaos within our coworkers will be something that I will never forget. Dave was a man of humor, dependability, resilience and just plain out- a great guy. When I left McDonald's in high school and ventured over to Culver's, I was ecstatic to find out that Dave applied to work over there as well. Fast food jobs are not fun- in any way, but Dave made it fun. The endless stories, laughter and camaraderie will never be forgotten. It breaks my heart to see the unfortunate cards that you were dealt in life, and I was/am so proud of you for your resilience. Dave, I hope your soul rests in peace because you deserve every ounce of light that this world has to offer. Thank you for being a great friend.



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“ I first met Dave when I was 20. I was dating One of his best friends and we were roommates for quite some time and became like family. We had sooo many good times together. Lots of adventures, Like hiking on trails, fishing, camping, Skating. We loved when he was Playing guitar, taught me how to play a little even...Dave was a creative, free thinker. He didn't let anything bother him. I admired that about him, His cool nature. He had nothing to prove to no one and I never once seen him get angry. Nothing scared him. He feared nothing, not even death. Cody would always tell me about the time he walked miles through the woods in the pitch black when he could have taken the road, “just because” I'm sad he's moved on, but his memory, his smile, his smirk, that CHUCKLE, I'll never forget. Dave was an old soul, maybe that's why we lost him so soon... Sending all his family and friends healing love, light, and energy.

KyMBERly Jensen - October 09, 2022 at 09:57 PM