



## Patrick Michael Grierson

July 31, 1951 - August 26, 2015

NIAGARA, WI- Patrick M. Grierson age 64 of Niagara, WI. died unexpectedly, Wednesday, August 26, 2015 in Ann Arbor, MI.

He was born on July 31, 1951 the son of the late Thomas and Inez (Freeman) Grierson.

From a young age, Pat was instructed by Ray Amicangelo of Iron Mountain, his accordion teacher, who found him to be extremely talented.

Pat never lost interest in music and thru the years learned to play many other instruments, playing and singing in many bands, including Morrison & Co., a popular band in the '70's.

He worked for the Niagara Paper Mill for 38 years as a tin smith, where much of the time he was a union officer.

Pat was a very talented artist as well. He brought a lot of laughs to his co-workers thru his artistic talent, drawing caricatures and playing practical jokes on them. After retiring, Pat gave music lessons at Jim's Music, sharing his many gifts to kids who grew to love him. Pat gave his time playing in many benefits over the years as well.

His partner of 26 years, Barbara Nora, also shared in his music, as they played and sang together many times. Barb's family meant everything to Pat. He spent a lot of time with Barb's mother, her kids and their spouses, her four grandchildren and great granddaughter.

Pat knew a lot of people. It was a family joke that everywhere he went, he ran into someone who knew him. Pat had a very generous nature. He used his talent making camp signs, license plates and even creating logos for friends businesses when they asked.

Even after his death he donated his organs, to help someone that needed them.

He will be sadly missed by all who loved him, which are many.

Pat is survived by his partner Barbara Nora of Kingsford; brother Gary "Twigs" Grierson of Green Bay, WI; Barb's children Jeff (Michelle) Muraro, Debra (Ross) Rossato and four grandsons Dante and Adrian Muraro, Jack and Dominic Rossato; and his new great granddaughter Nova Rossato; aunts, an uncle and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Alan and Timothy Grierson.

Family will greet friends on Thursday, September 3 from 3-6 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway, with a get together to follow at the Knight Owl in Norway.

Interment will be held at Cemetery Park.

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
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# Tribute Wall

Jl

“ Barb,

*Nick and I were so sorry to hear about Slippery. We loved him and enjoyed his many talents and especially his sense of humor. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Thinking of you,  
Nick and Jill Romagnoli*

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**Jill** - September 09, 2015 at 01:52 PM

JV

“ Barb- our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. We had some great times together listening to Slippery's guitar playing and your singing at the kids ngraduation parties. Many good times. He will be missed. All our love Scott and Jane Vincent

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**jane vincent** - September 04, 2015 at 10:23 AM

AS

“ Barbara please accept our condolences at your loss. You and Patrick spent many years together and the memories of the life you shared will ease the your way forward

*Art & Sheryl Stefanelli*

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**Art Stefanelli** - September 02, 2015 at 05:17 PM

JP

“ Barb, so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Slippery  
Jim & Jan Peterson

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**jim peterson** - September 01, 2015 at 12:17 PM

TG

“ Barb,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. I have been trying to find the words to express exactly how I feel since I heard of Pat's passing. He will be sadly missed by all of us who knew him and had the opportunity to be touched by him. I have been thinking about all of the good times we had on our trips as union officers. He never failed to find some way to make us all laugh. We will all miss his sense of humor, his fantastic musical ability, and his friendship. Pat made many friends everywhere he went and I am proud to count myself as one of his friends. May God bless you and Pat's family. He will never be forgotten.  
Love,  
Tom "Chico" and Shelly Giguere

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**Tom Giguere** - August 30, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ Books of Love was purchased for the family of Patrick Michael Grierson.



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August 29, 2015 at 02:55 PM

SF

“ We are heartbroken to learn of Slip's passing. My boys had him for a first guitar teacher and I will always be grateful to him for how much they learned and for how much praise he heaped on them after every lesson. He was truly a talented and beautiful person and we are better for having known him. God rest him! Love, The Smith Family (students Ben and JP)

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**Smith Family** - August 28, 2015 at 09:51 PM

JP

*Barb, my sincere sympathy for your loss. Slip was an extraordinary and very talented person as well as a great friend. May god bless, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*John Podnar*

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**john podnar** - September 03, 2015 at 02:04 PM