



Richard A. Wenzel

September 29, 1947 - June 8, 2019

GRANITE BLUFF- Richard A. Wenzel 71 of Granite Bluff died Saturday, June 8th, at Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born September 29, 1947 in Norway Michigan, the son of the late Lee and Betty (Swanson) Wenzel.

Richard graduated from Norway High School in 1965.

He worked for the Niagara paper mill for 33 years starting as a plant laborer and retired as the assistant pulpmill superintendent.

He was very proud to serve in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He served as a demolition specialist in the Republic of South Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as Specialist E5.

Richard enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He also enjoyed trout fishing, hunting, woodworking, coffee and being in the woods. His favorite kind of ice cream was Lots. He rooted for all Michigan sports' teams and any team playing against the Packers.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Debby; four children, Leigh Ann Dighera of Kingsford, Tim (Sarah) Wenzel of Granite Bluff, Sarah Bates of

Appleton, Matt Wenzel of Negaunee; seven grandchildren, Kate, Grant, Morgan, Jane, Claire, Lydia and Jack; one sister, Noreen Christesen of Kingsford, one brother Ronald Wenzel of Norway; close nephew Tom (Deanna) Christesen of Granite Bluff; many other nieces and nephews; and a sassy black lab, Stella.

In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his brother James "Boots" Wenzel Jr.

Visitation will be held Wednesday June 12, 2019, at Ortman Funeral Home from 10am until the time of the funeral service at 1pm.

Interment will be held in the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home
618 Norway Street
P.O. Box 155
Norway, MI 49870
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Service

JUN 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Richard was a good friend during our time in the Army, El Paso, TX and Vietnam. He, on a couple of occasions, came with me to my home in Santa Fe, NM and was surprised at the mountain forests in Northern NM. Loved Coors beer and Camel cigarettes at the time. He was one of the great soldiers I met during my military Service. Dr. Michael Ortega at mao47hotrod@gmail.com

Michael Ortega - January 31, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Richard A. Wenzel.



June 11, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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“ Kenny purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard A. Wenzel.



Kenny - June 10, 2019 at 10:59 PM