



Thomas "Tux" LaFreniere

June 9, 1945 - October 30, 2014

VULCAN- Thomas "Tux" LaFreniere age 69 of Vulcan, died peacefully with his loving family by his side Thursday, October 30, 2014 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain, MI. after a prolonged battle with cancer.

He was born on June 9, 1945 in Norway, MI son of the late Walter and Dorothy (Roy) LaFreniere.

Tom graduated from Norway High School in 1963 and attended Northern Michigan University.

Tom served his country in the U.S. Army until May 1969, attaining the rank of Sergeant.

He was a long-time employee of the City of Norway until retiring in 2002 as the Director of Public works.

In his free time, he enjoyed hunting, golf, bowling and attending Milwaukee Brewer games. He was also an avid Michigan State, Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers fan. His family and friends will always fondly remember his story-telling and jokes.

Tom is survived by his wife, Cirie; son, Brian (Andrea) LaFreniere; step-son,

Jimmer Tinti; step-daughter, Nikki Tinti; grandchildren, Andon and Gracie LaFreniere, Ethan Balmer, Logan Schlegel; sister, Peggy (Don) Byczek and many very special nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by his brother Walter "Buster", and his sisters Dorothy and Donna Mae.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 2 from 5-8 p.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Parish Prayers will be held on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, November 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan, with Fr. Timothy Ekaitis presiding.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our condolences to the LaFreniere Family. We know that no words can help ease the pain and loss that you are feeling, but sometimes it's just the little things, the small, everyday occurrences that you'll remember. The laughs, the stories, and the smiles. And even though it seems like you can never recover from your loss, it is these very memories that will help push the pain away and bring back the smiles. You are in our prayers. Your friends Mike & Tony.

Mike Hudkins & Tony Muscarello - December 18, 2014 at 09:58 AM

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“ Condolences to Tux's family. Tux and I were good friends through our school days, I remember pushing Tux around in his wheel chair when he contracted polio! We would have sleep overs and do some fun and crazy things! Tux was always full of life! World will miss him and prayers will be said for him. I will always remember the story Tom's mother told us, Tom was born 4 days after me and my mom and his mom were in the same room! His Mom asked my Mom what she named me and she replied good, that will be his name also! So in a sense Tux was named after me! Tom DeRidder

Tom DeRidder - December 18, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JB

“ My condolences to the family, especially to Sirie for her never ending love and care of Tux, to Peggy, never have I seen a closer brother-sister relationship, to "Breezy" Bob for his everlasting friendship. Nobody was more responsible for molding my personality in my formative years than Tux. The laughs and memories will always be a cherished part of my life. You have been in my prayers ever since I heard about your cancer and I pray that the Good Lord is taking care of you. R.I.P. good friend, R.I.P. PS. Go Blue, beat State.

Jim "Baggy" Bronczyk - December 18, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JY

“ Tux was a good friend. We shared good times in high school and roomed together at college. I visited him at his home many times over the last years whenever I was up to Norway. I was on my way to visit him on Thursday and found that he had died before I got there to say goodbye.

Jeff Yonts - December 18, 2014 at 09:57 AM