



Ned Alan Deater

July 28, 1939 - March 23, 2016

Ned A. Deater, 76 of Rapid City, Michigan, succumbed to pneumonia as a complication of chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma, on Wednesday March 23, 2016 at Munson Medical Center. Born in Rapid City, to Harvey and Helen Deater, he lived most of his life as a Rapid City resident. Ned was a man who was passionate about Education, History, Government and the art of socialization. A Graduate of Rapid City High School, Northwestern Michigan College, Western Michigan University and Michigan State University, he was an Educator his entire career. At 22 he started out as a teacher for Rapid City High School and retired as Assistant Superintendent of Kalkaska Public Schools. Ned was admired and respected by all who worked with him to the degree that he was a subject of biographical record in the "Who's Who in the Midwest, Seventeenth Edition 1980 / 1981, inclusion in which is limited to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their own fields of endeavor and who have, thereby, contributed significantly to the betterment of contemporary society. During the last 13 years of Ned's retirement he enjoyed being an employee at the Holiday Shopper in Acme, Michigan, where he became a local fixture and friend to many who stopped there, sometimes just to visit with him. Ned was extremely loving and proud of his three daughters, Shannon Varela, of Norton Shores, Deanna Wilson, of Kingsley, Erin Norton, of Traverse City, and his seven grandchildren, Tyler Marois, Shaine Wilson, Nicole and Matthew Amstutz, Mitchell (deceased), Niklas and Noah Norton, as well as had a special bond with his friend and

Holiday Shopper co-worker Chris Larr, whom he treated like a son, Chris' wife Robin and their three daughters, Lynnzie, Kaylee and Kassy who all called him "Papa". Ned is also survived by his two sisters Donna Playford, of Hillsdale, and Wanda Conway, of Mancelona, and his brother Tom Deater, of Port St. Lucie, Florida. His Family would like to extend a special thank you to the entire Nursing Staff of the Munson Medical Center Oncology and Intensive Care Units for their loving care and support, and a world of gratitude to their Uncle Tom, who temporarily relocated his life from Florida to care for and be at his brother's side throughout his cancer treatment. Ned's sense of humor, never ending advice and loving support will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. The Family will receive friends in a Celebration of Ned's Life on Saturday May 14th, 2016, from 1-4 pm at the Little Red School House, 5407 River St., NW, Rapid City, Michigan.

Tribute Wall



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