



## George William Ice Jr.

August 3, 1935 - October 17, 2022

George William Ice, Jr. of Cadillac passed away Monday, October 17, 2022 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was 87.

George was born on August 3, 1935 in Bay City, Michigan to George William & Ida May (Bradd) Ice and they preceded him in death.

George grew up working in his father's junk yard where he started to drive stock cars at the age of 14. He drove for his father at the race tracks of Whittemore, Tri-City, and Dixie and did very well. In 1956 he raced the summer in Ohio and Indiana where he met and raced Darrel Dieringer.

On June 1, 1957 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bay City, Michigan he married the Nancy Kalkmann and she preceded him in death on September 17, 2013. Together they had two children, Mark and Marianne. In 1959 they moved to Cadillac along with his father to run a junk yard for E. Linick & Co. While living in Cadillac George raced at the fairgrounds and finished his career racing at Berlin Raceway.

In 1976 he started his own scrap yard, Ice Auto Parts of Manton, which he and his son operated until his death. In the mid 1980's he and Mark started the Haring and Lake City Railroad in effort to rebuild the E. Shay original logging railroad. They laid  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile track, built two locomotives, several

cars and a building in Haring Township, working right until his passing.

He is survived by his son, Mark Ice of Cadillac; daughter Marianne (Mark "Airborne") Carlson of Manton; granddaughter, Antoinette Carlson of Rapid City, South Dakota.

Cremation has taken place. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ From the Harbor Springs History Museum, we send our regards. You generously shared your railroad and Shay knowledge with our community for years. Your passion was inspirational, and we will forever be thankful for the moments you and your father gave to our community of historic learning.

Harbor Springs History Museum - November 02, 2022 at 12:38 PM

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“ Leonard and I was sad to hear passing of your dad. Len was telling all the story about your dad, and he wanted me to tell you he has great Memorys of him, and he was a great man, and a good friend. We love you all

Cynthia A Gild - October 22, 2022 at 07:56 PM

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“ Mark and Maryann, Sorry for the loss of your father. Tom and I have so many memories of him I don't know whereto start. Your mom and dad were always so good to us when we were starting out. Spent lots of nights at the race track with your Dad. He was our best man at our wedding. Haven't seen him in last few years but still have the memories. Love and prayers to both of you. Love, Tom & Lois

lois darrow - October 21, 2022 at 01:30 PM

JO

“ So very sorry for your loss. George was always a pleasure to be around!! Dealt with him and Mark a lot in years past and always gave a great deal on parts. It was a pleasure doing business with him. RIP ole friend. Heaven definitely gained an angel.

John Olmstead - October 20, 2022 at 01:24 PM