



Kent L. McMartin

March 30, 1944 - June 10, 2011

Kent L. McMartin of Cadillac died Friday afternoon, June 10, 2011 at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac. He was 67. He was born on March 30, 1944 in Escanaba, Michigan to Kenneth M. & Mercedes C. (LaMarche) McMartin.

He graduated from Escanaba High School in 1962 and went on to Northern Michigan University where he received his Bachelor's Degree. That same year he moved to Cadillac and began his career as a high school Teacher for Cadillac Area Public Schools teaching, Psychology, Sociology, Government and Driver's Education retiring in 2003.

Kent was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac and served in various ways there. He enjoyed his family, his grandchildren, golf, wood working, traveling, going to the Casino and sports of all kinds in particular Detroit teams.

On June 25, 1966 in Gladstone, Michigan he married the former Linda Jean Fredrickson and she survives him along with their children: Jeff (Tracy) McMartin of Spring Lake, Kraig (Nicole) McMartin of Cadillac, Jason (Larisa) McMartin of Grant, Dennis McMartin of Manton, and Heather (Nathan) Pancake of Nashotah, WI; grandchildren: Kase, Kasidy, Breanne, Aidan, Journey, Rachel, Hannah, and Sarah; a sister, Marlene Day of Boise, ID; many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death his parents

and a brother, Dwight McMartin.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Friends may meet the family on Tuesday from 2-4 & 6-8 PM at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My sincerest condolences to the McMartin Family. I so enjoyed having Mr. McMartin as a teacher. He will be missed by many.*

Jennifer Baughan - June 21, 2011 at 03:55 PM

OB

“ *Linda,
I am so deeply sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. K just told me last week that the cancer was back. Again I am so sorry.
Ona*

Ona Booms - June 20, 2011 at 06:37 PM

JJ

“ *Mr McMartin made phsychology my favorite course. I enjoyed his group debates that made you look at things in a different perspective, even though it was extremely tough to be open-minded. It definitely was a life lesson and I thank him for that. He will be greatly missed.*

Joyce (Gilbert) Jastrem - June 16, 2011 at 04:28 AM

CH

“ My sincere condolences to Heather and the entire McMartin family. Mr. McMartin was not only my Psy/Soc teacher, but my friends and I would always pull up chairs next to his desk and spend our VIP time chatting with him. From sports, to jokes, and many life lessonsΓÇª Mr. McMartin was always there for all of his students. What I will remember most about him is his smile, kind heart, sincerity, and passion for teaching. Mr. McMartinΓÇªs high expectations and enthusiasm for teaching influenced many of his students (including myself) to become teachers. He positively impacted the lives of many and will be truly missed.

Connie Harris - June 15, 2011 at 11:23 PM

GJ

“ Kent is a man I wish I could have got to know better. I have known him for many years from afar yet. He was a man that gave of himself to care for many. I send my greatest thanks for all he did for my Brother. I send my deepest condolences to all his friends and family. My prayers are with all that he held close!

GARY JENSEN - June 15, 2011 at 08:26 PM

KD

*“ It was an honor to teach with a fellow yooper. Kent was truly a great
" old school"
role model for me as a new teacher. His smile was always encouraging.*

Kris Darrow - June 15, 2011 at 02:45 PM

ST

“ I worked with Kent for many years at Cadillac High School, starting out in the annex together. I know he impacted many students over the course of his teaching career--and beyond. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Sharon Tate - June 15, 2011 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Kent was an amazing teacher and a giving person. We are glad to have known him.

Matt & Erin Schaefer - June 15, 2011 at 12:06 PM

JH

“ Linda & Family... We are so sorry for your loss... I ope you got the E-mail explaining why we are not coming to see you at this time... Our thoughts and prayers are with you... if there' s anything we can do to lend our support, please let us know... Judy

Judy Hammond - June 15, 2011 at 11:38 AM

JF

“ Mr. McMartin was an amazing teacher and person. He not only knew his subject well but he would teach life lessons which we are forever grateful for. We loved seeing him around town after he retired, he always had time to stop and talk. Mr. McMartin was and is an inspiration to many other educators including us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the McMartin family.

Josh & Holly (Danford) Franklin - June 15, 2011 at 11:33 AM

SV

“ Jason and family- I am so sorry for your loss. I do hope that all the positive memories shared about your Dad will bring comfort and some smiles. He was one of my favorite teachers, too.

Sharon (Buehler) Verheek - June 15, 2011 at 09:16 AM

JS

“ Mr. McMartin loved teaching. We all loved him! I am grateful to have known him as my wonderful teacher, neighbor and member of our Zion Lutheran Church Family. My thoughts and prayers are with his lovely wife, Linda and the entire family. A Life well lived.

Jackie Swanson - June 15, 2011 at 12:08 AM

BB

“ We would like to send our prayers and thoughts of comfort to the McMartin family.
Kent was an outstanding educator that touched and changed the lives of many. I am grateful to have known him.

Bob & Jennie Bray - June 14, 2011 at 10:14 PM

EW

“ We would like to extend our sincere condolences to your family.

Earl Wright - June 14, 2011 at 08:54 PM

TM

“ We were saddened to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with your family.

Tom & Bobbi (Lamphere) Moomey - June 14, 2011 at 05:48 PM

DF

“ *Mr. McMartin's legacy will continue in the lives of his many students as well as his loving family. He was a true example of a person with an understanding of Christ's love. He knew what was going on in everybody's head, but didn't judge them, just was there to teach his subjects with a spirit of excellence. What a remarkable person. We will miss you so much! Much love and praying for comfort for all of the McMartin family.*

Desiree (Hunt) Floyd - June 14, 2011 at 03:47 PM

BT

“ *No words can express how I feel for you, Here's a big hug.*

Bonnie (Donna) Thomas - June 14, 2011 at 02:04 PM

AA

“ *Mr. McMartin was one of the teachers that made school truly interesting and will always be remembered as one of my favorites. It was my pleasure to see him frequently in the community. Condolences to the family.*

Audrey Van Alst - June 14, 2011 at 12:55 PM

LM

“ *As many other people have mentioned, Mr. McMartin was one of my favorite teachers in high school. I loved Psy/Soc class. He made it fun and interesting. He will be greatly missed by all.*

Laura (Kramer) Meeuwes - June 14, 2011 at 10:20 AM

SE

“ *He was a great teacher. My condolences to his family.*

Sandra Ertman - June 14, 2011 at 09:07 AM

ST

“ *KRAIG AND FAMILY,MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU AND I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.*

SHAWN TRUAX - June 14, 2011 at 04:57 AM

JG

“ *Mr. McMartin was a great teacher, He made things easy for a student to understand, He will be greatly missed.*

Jodi (Mathews) Goulder - June 14, 2011 at 12:39 AM

CH

“ *Mr. McMartin was such a warm caring teacher, I try to be like that everyday in my classroom. I would like to thank his family for sharing him with so many students for so many years. His wonderful influence will still be felt for many years.*

Chelsea(Evens) Hicok - June 13, 2011 at 09:54 PM

DF

“ *My prayers to the family Mr.McMartin was one of the best teachers I had in high school.He will truley be missed by all who knew at sometime in their life.*

Deb (Dull) Freeman - June 13, 2011 at 09:29 PM

JS

“ *What a great man, neighbor,citizen of Cadillac and friend to all. You are deeply loved and missed.*

Jennifer Suck - June 13, 2011 at 05:40 PM

GW

“ *Mr. McMartin was one of my favorite teachers at CHS. He always made class fun and thought provoking.*

Gretchen (Reiser) Walsh - June 13, 2011 at 04:18 PM

PH

“ *I so enjoyed having Mr McMartin as a teacher in the 1970s. He was excellent and I particularly enjoyed his psychology class, leading me to pick it as my minor in college. I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

PK Harrison - June 13, 2011 at 03:45 PM

DR

“ *Mr. McMartin was one of the greatest influences in my life. I am a social studies teacher because of him and nearly fifteen years later I still find myself saying ΓÇ£What would Mr. McMartin do?ΓÇ¥ He taught us gov and psych, but he also taught us about life. Mr. McMartin was a man of moral character and integrity. He made learning fun but maintained high expectations. But the thing that stands out the most to me was how fair he was. He treated everyone with equality, respect and dignity. He walked the walk and he showed us how to live as a member of a community. He had a profound impact on my life and I am eternally grateful for his influence. My sincerest thoughts and prayers for the McMartin family.*

Deja (Creed) Rojeski - June 13, 2011 at 01:16 PM

PG

“ *Mr. McMartin was a teacher at CHS way, way back when I was in high school. I remember his friendliness and ever present smile. My sympathies to the family.*

Peggy Carter Gilstad - June 13, 2011 at 01:08 PM

CM

“ Linda and family My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Carla Moffit - June 13, 2011 at 12:51 PM

RG

“ Mr. McMartin was one of the reasons I have gone into Forensic Psychology. He was an incredible teacher.

Rebecca Gomez - June 13, 2011 at 11:09 AM

AP

“ Mr. McMartin taught me to be perceptive, inquisitive, and perseverant. I am grateful to have known him. His kindness and enthusiasm will never be forgotten. My condolences to Heather and family.

Amanda (Thomas) Phillips - June 13, 2011 at 11:07 AM

KH

“ Jeff and Family, I am sorry for your loss. I remember him as always smiling in the CHS hallways!

Kerrie Harvey - June 13, 2011 at 10:41 AM

JG

“ Thoughts and prayers to family and friends.

Josh and Beth Gottschall - June 13, 2011 at 10:33 AM

M(

“ Words cannot express my sadness over the loss of such a dear friend. Kent was my rock and really helped me through some tuff times. Love to you all.

Margaret (Williams)So - June 13, 2011 at 10:04 AM

DS

“ Many prayers and wishes of comfort go out to Mr. McMartin's family. He was a wonderful teacher. May you all feel the Lord's peace and comfort during this time of grief.

Dawn (Root) Sizeland - June 13, 2011 at 09:31 AM

SH

“ Mr. McMartin taught me so much, lessons I carry with me everyday. I looked forward to his class everyday. My thoughts are with you Jeff, Kraig and your family - Sara

Sara Parmenter Haskin - June 13, 2011 at 09:25 AM

PW

“ A great teacher and citizen. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Pamela Warren - June 13, 2011 at 09:17 AM

JH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the whole family at the loss of one of the greatest men I have known. An inspirational teacher and kind friend. You will be forever missed.

Jill & Brandon Hamilton - June 13, 2011 at 08:27 AM

AC

“ Mr. McMartin was one of my favorite teachers in High School - his class was fun, interesting, and engaging. He will definitely be missed.

Ann (Greenfield) Clous - June 13, 2011 at 08:25 AM

WH

“ You will be greatly missed. Our prayers are with the family.

William Higgins - June 13, 2011 at 08:20 AM

JM

“ Our condolences to the entire family.

Jackie McMartin - June 12, 2011 at 10:33 PM