



Harvey Gene Filppula

Harvey Gene Filppula, 80, a former Dollar Bay resident, died on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 at the Angels Touch Assisted Living for Dementia in DePere, Wisconsin, after a long and difficult battle with vascular dementia.

He was born on April 2, 1937 in Mass City, Michigan, to Onni and Edith (Kangas) Filppula.

Harvey married Norma Filppula in Ontonagon, on June 11, 1960. For nearly all of their married life they made their home in Dollar Bay, Michigan.

He was an integral part of the Dollar Bay community, the face of Dollar Bay schools, and well known throughout the Copper Country. He was an accomplished educator, basketball fanatic, volunteer fireman, and a board member of Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent). He never sat still ... his mantra was "Don't Do Nothing!" Harvey was, and still is, a respected and much loved administrator, coach, teacher, and mentor. He loved the outdoors and camping with his 5th wheel. He was a microbrew connoisseur and delved into wine and beer making. Harvey's thirst for knowledge and love of people defined and centered his life.

Harvey was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Filppula; his mother, Edith Filppula; and his father, Onni Filppula.

Surviving are his daughters, Karen (Lori McArthur) Filppula of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Laura (Lynnette) Filppula of Dearborn Heights, Michigan; and Diane (Matt) Filppula-McNab of Dearborn Heights, Michigan; several grandchildren Noah and Joshua Filppula-McArthur; Aela, Alexandra and Lindsay McNab; Dustin (Marie) Cleveland and Nate Walcher; and great-grandchild, Dorian Cleveland; brother Douglas Filppula of Ontonagon; and sister Cathy (Rich) Luxton of Green Bay, Wisconsin with niece Brenda (Brian) Voss of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and many extended family and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Angels Touch Assisted Living for Dementia in DePere, Wisconsin for their wonderful care and compassion, and to Heartland Hospice for their guidance and assistance over the last four months of Harvey's life.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, April 28, 2018 in the First Lutheran Church in Dollar Bay, Michigan.

Visitation will be from 10:00am until the time of service on Saturday in the church.

Interment will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Greenland.

Arrangements are being handled by the Jukuri-Antila Funeral Home of Hancock, Antila Funeral Services, Inc.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at antilafuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established at Dementia Society of America.