

Dwight Strong



Dwight T. Strong, 63, of the town of Lafayette, Chippewa County, died Monday, June 28, 2010, at his home surrounded by his family and while under the care of St. Joseph's Hospice.

He was born April 12, 1947, in Austin, Minnesota to Aura J. (Houlder) and Raymond R. Strong. Shortly after his birth and upon the death of his father, Dwight's family moved to Rice Lake where he grew up and graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1965.

After completing two years of college at UW-Stout, Dwight joined the U.S. Navy in July, 1966 and served aboard two warships attached to the western Pacific fleet, until his honorable separation in October, 1970.

On June 1, 1968, Dwight married Mary L. Johnson in Milaca, Minnesota. They were later divorced. After his naval service, Dwight returned to UW-Stout, graduating in 1973 with two Bachelor of Science degrees: Industrial Education with a math minor and Technical Education; each with a concentration in electronics.

Dwight taught electronics at the Racine campus of Gateway Technical College for the next four years. In August, 1977, he moved to Eau Claire to teach electronics and math at Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC). While teaching at CVTC, Dwight returned to UW-Stout and graduated in 1979 with a Master of Science degree in Vocational Education. Dwight also earned an Educational Specialist degree in Industrial and Vocational Education from UW-Stout in 1982. After teaching for 31 years, Dwight retired in May, 2004.

On May 29, 1992, Dwight married Dawn R. Kuehn in Galena, Illinois. They were later divorced.

He is survived by his son, Jeffrey of Coon Rapids, Minn.; two brothers, Robert of Rice Lake, and Larry of Barronett.

Anyone wishing to contribute to a memorial is requested to donate to the Aura J. and Raymond R. Strong Memorial Endowment Scholarship fund that Dwight established in 2002 at CVTC to honor his parents. Contributions may be sent to: CVTC, c/o Debbie Duncanson, 620 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701.

As Dwight requested, private services will be held.

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Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel is serving the family.