

## Duane 'Munty' Pernu

Jerry Burnes  
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Duane "Munty" Pernu, 77, of Mountain Iron, died Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, at Essentia Health Virginia Care Center.

Duane Lee Pernu was born Nov. 19, 1938, in Virginia to Lester Sr. and Lillian (Mattila) Pernu. Munty was raised in the Virginia area and graduated from Virginia High School. He married Joyce Starc on Nov. 15, 1958, in Mountain Iron. He started working at the Erie Mining Company and had spent 38 years in the mining industry, retiring from EvTac in 1997.

He was a member of the Chisholm Baptist, enjoying the Monday night Men's Bible Study and weekly services. He volunteered and retired with 27 years at the Mountain Iron Fire Department. Munty was a member of the Greenwood Cemetery Board and the Dream Machines Car Club, spending many hours restoring and displaying his '50 Chev.

Munty enjoyed visiting and caring for his cousin Ed at Edgewood Vista. He loved spending time at the hunting shack , special fishing trips, but most importantly, spending time with family.

Munty had the gift of mercy and caregiving, always taking care of others. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by loving wife of 57 years, Joyce; daughters, Sherry (Steve) Norvitch of Mountain Iron, Shelby (Brian) Elg of Virginia, Kari Jo (Tim) Johnson of Branson Mo., Kristin (Greg) Weaver of Hudson Wis.; grandchildren, Melissa (Brian) Zahn of Jordan, Minn., Angie Norvitch of Minneapolis, Phil (Kelsey) Norvitch of Mountain Iron, Brian Elg Jr. of Duluth and Kellie McKowski, Trevor (Kayla Long) Elg of Virginia, Brody Elg of Virginia, Jacey Johnson of Branson Mo and Jackie, Jake, Johanna Weaver all of Hudson Wis.; one great-grandson on the way; brothers, Charley (JoAnn) Pernu, Jim (Rosie) Pernu and Denny (Sharon) Pernu; sisters, Barbara (Joe) Durand, Susie Burland and Sheila (Paul) Shultz; sister-in-law, Joanie (Gary) Wilson; special cousin, Ed Wayrynen; his beloved dog, Maija and ,any other special nieces, nephews, family and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother  
Eric Shultz

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A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at the Chisholm Baptist Church at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Dan Erickson will officiate. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia. To sign the online guest book or to send condolences, please visit [www.rangefuneralhomes.com](http://www.rangefuneralhomes.com).

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