



## Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz

October 18, 1934 - June 11, 2019

Bernie Zeitz, age 84, died on Tuesday, June 11th, 2019. Born in 1934 on a farm in Monctonville Ontario, Canada, he was one of 10 children.

Bernie had a very strong work ethic. He worked in the mining industry for 35 plus years, which spanned 3 countries: Canada, South America and the USA. Most importantly, mining is what brought him to the Iron Mountain area. After retiring from mining, he went to work at Lodal for over 20 years as a maintenance supervisor, but he really never stopped working.

Bernie had many passions, and he absolutely loved being in the outdoors, or "the back country," as he called it. He was an avid morel mushroom and berry picker, and hunting partridge and deer was a way of life. He always had the last truck on the river during ice fishing. Spending time at Spread Eagle, WI and Camp with family & friends really made him beam.

The woods were his friend but also determined his fate as he died from Sepsis (a blood disease) caused by Anaplasma bacteria from a rare tick bite.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Kingsford, MI and his children, Rhonda (Ken) Fagan, Kathy (Ken) Yates, Barry (Steffany) Zeitz, all living in Canada: his stepchildren Mary (Michael) Eldridge living in Iron Mountain, Kevin (Linda) Baudhuin living in Chicago; 13 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his first wife Faye Sawyer Zeitz (1979).

Bernie became a USA citizen in 1989, a huge fan of Making America Great.

A celebration of his life will be held from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm on Friday, June 14th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer a Blessing at 1:00 pm Friday at the funeral home.

Condolences to the family of Bernie Zeitz may be expressed online at [www.erickson-rochon-nashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Dam it Bernie, you've left a big void in my life. Camp and ice fishing will never be the same. Thank you for your friendship. You were always happy to see me and I you. Gonna miss your hunting and fishing stories you told around the table at camp. Now you got another story to tell in heaven about how that damn little tick did you in. Still can't believe your gone. Save me a spot up there old friend.*

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**Mike gauthier** - June 17, 2019 at 07:53 PM

NC

“ *Dear Kathy, Rhonda and Barry, we are so sorry for your loss. We are thinking of you during this very difficult time and pray that your fond memories of your dad will provide some comfort as time goes on. Hugs, Nora and David*

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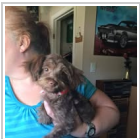
**Nora and David Campbell** - June 13, 2019 at 10:22 PM

NH

“ *Rhonda, my condolences and prayers to you and your family 🙏❤️*

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**norma hunter** - June 13, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ *Uncle Bernie taught me to love animals and i will miss him a lot. Love and miss you Bonnie Zeitz*

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**Bonnie Zeitz-Jones** - June 13, 2019 at 08:16 PM

PM

“ My condolences to all of you. Was saddened to hear the news. I remember him fondly from our Capreol days. Hugs to all

*Peggy MacDonald*

Peggy MacDonald - June 13, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz.



June 13, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz.



June 13, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz.



June 13, 2019 at 10:13 AM

DG

“ So very sorry to hear of Bernie's passing. What a wonderful, kind man he was. He will be sorely missed at camp, where he was a guardian angel for the girls.  
Sam & Diane (Elliott) Gibson

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**Diane Gibson** - June 13, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz.



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June 13, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard "Bernie" Zeitz.



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June 12, 2019 at 06:11 PM