



## Clarence "Butch" Nelson

May 2, 1945 - May 2, 2011

Clarence F. "Butch" Nelson, 66, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital.

He was born on Jan. 25, 1945, in Crystal Falls, son of the late George L. and Helen (Johnson) Nelson. Butch worked on different farms and for an orchard in his early years in Northern Ohio.

He then worked for Browning-Ferris Industries before being injured on the job. He returned to the Iron Mountain area in 1980. He always enjoyed being around people and spent time doing volunteer work at the VA and St. Vincent de Paul.

Butch is survived by his brother, Don (Rhonda) Nelson of Rochester Hills, Mich.; a niece, Katie Nelson of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and a nephew, Philip Nelson of Portland, Ore.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard J. Nelson, his father, George, and his mother, Helen.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Clarence "Butch" Nelson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DF

“ I was shocked and so terribly sorry to hear of Butch's passing. He had been the roommate of my brother Neil @ Country View in Bark River. Butch always had a smile on when we came and we would chat about the animals and life in general.

Thank You - Dick

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**Dick Walrath - Hancock, MI - friend** - May 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Butch came to our church while I was pastoring there in Iron Mountain. He rode our van/bus faithfully. He was very loyal to me without being "coached" into being that way. I enjoyed him very much. He moved out of the area while I was pastoring and was not able to locate him. I moved to NC and wondered about him just recently. To the family I say, "He was a great friend!"

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**Keith Wall - Harkers Island, NC - Former pastor** - May 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ To the nelson family i grew up with butch and spent many good times with him. Our deepest sympathy are with you. Lee White,

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**Lee White - Friend** - May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ While Mark was Chief of Voluntary Services at the Iron Mountain VA Hospital, Butch was a volunteer. We got to know and love him. We also went to 1st Baptist of Iron Mountain with him. He was a very kind man and we were very sad to hear of his passing. Lord bless Butch's family during this difficult time.

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**Mark and Robbyn Frazee - Trenton, OH - Friend** - May 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Dear Don and Rhonda,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your children. I  
remember Butch's open friendliness and his enthusiasm for a cart  
he drove around the yard. My parents always commented on his  
warmth and kindness to them on their visits.  
Peace, Susan Light*

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**Susan Nelson Light - Yardley, PA - Cousin - May 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM**