



## Edward L. Bossom

December 27, 1945 - December 27, 2010

Edward L. Bossom, 65, of Iron Mountain passed away on Monday, Dec. 27, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette.

He was born on March 14, 1945, in Munising, son of the late Raymond Bossom and Gladys (Tubbs) Bossom. He attended school in the Ishpeming area graduating from Negaunee High School. He worked at and retired from the Northlake Foundry in Ishpeming.

Ed married Ruth (Fornetti) French on June 27, 1998, at the First Methodist Church on Iron Mountain's Northside. He loved spending his time growing tomatoes in the summer and volunteering at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Hospital, the Dickinson County Memorial Hospital, and the Salvation Army.

Ed is survived by his loving wife of nearly 13 years, Ruth Bossom of Iron Mountain; children, Charles Bossom of Gwinn, Christine (Jason) Hill of Eau Claire, Wis., Curtis Bossom of Negaunee, Robert French of Iron Mountain, John (Jen) Fornetti of Las Vegas and Staria French of Las Vegas; brothers and sisters, Wilda (Arthur) Parkkila of Eben, Robert (Marie) Bossom of Albion, Mich., Ronald Bossom of Parma, Mich., Willard (Gen) Bossom of Limestone, Mich. Caren West of Sundell, Mich., Jesse (Ward) Miller of Creal Springs, Ill., Linda (Les) Takkinen of West Allis, Wis., Allen (Rhonda) Bossom of Eben and Goldie Roy of Roodhouse, Ill.; grandchildren, Ariel French, Mikalya Hill,

Joshua Hill, Meghan Hill, Abigail Hill, Sarah Hill, Joel Hill, Kaziah Hill, DJ Riechel, and Jake Bossom.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Gladys Bossom; his siblings, a brother, Ernest Bossom, and a sister, Ada Takkinen; and his mother-in-law, Alice Fornetti.

Visitation will be Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Rev. David Anderson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Limestone Cemetery in the Spring.

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

Condolences to the family of Edward L. Bossom may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

DEC **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Hi Ruthie  
*I don't get the newspaper but my sister-in-law just brought me some to read before we leave for Florida for the winter and I was so surprised to read of Ed's death. I'm so sorry. I loved Ed as he was so up beat all the time and I still can see him coming in to work with the donuts. What a sweetheart. You know the Lord takes the best ones! I lost my brother a year ago who I raised and I still am a mess so it will take time. God bless you and take it one day at a time and take care of yourself!*  
Love  
Bonnie & Ken LeGrave

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**Bonnie & Ken LeGrave** - January 04, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *I'm so sorry that I couldn't make it to the funeral. I've been friends with "Buzz" as I'll always remember him, since the 60's when they lived in Palmer. We had a lot of good times and I'll always remember him, as a warm, kind and caring person who would do anything for you.*

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**Christine LaFave - Friend** - January 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *I didnt know edward, but i was there to help him at kmart.*

*So very sorry to here about edward. I been wondering how he was doing and now i know he is in heaven with the good lord. Edwards FAMILY: May god wrap his arms around you all and help you through this difficult time. Remember all the good memories and know he will always be in your hearts.*

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**Samantha Pietrantonio** - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the family of ED, We are sorry for your loss. Friends with Ed in his "Foundry" days, we shared many good times with him and his children. He will be missed. Deb, Doug & Jeramy Pellow

D. Pellow - friend - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Ed's life passed through mine for a brief time in the mid to late 80's. I babysat "Chuckie" in my home. Ed impressed me as a kind, loving, devoted, giving, sincere, appreciative and hardworking man. It was nice to see a recent picture. My your memories bring you comfort.

Rachelle Balconi - Negaunee, MI - December 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We are so sorry to hear of this loss within our family. May the fond memories you have always sustain you throughout this time of grief. Eddie has left his mark on the hearts of those who knew and loved him and will never be forgotten.

Ben & Mandy Lawshe (Lindeblad) - Traverse City, MI - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ SO SORRY TO HEAR OF EDS PASSING. WE ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND HIS SERVICES AS WE ARE IN MISSISSIPPI AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CALL YOU WHEN WE RETURN. SURE GLAD WE GOT TO CELEBRATE THE REUNION HELD AT MY DAUGHTERS FOR THE FAMILY. IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY.

BUTCH AND SUE HEYRMAN - SHINGLETON, MI - COUSIN - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Ed was a special person and will be remembered by many.

God has taken him home where he is at rest. His memory will live on in our thoughts and the many stories that will all be shared.

Kathy Hart

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kathleen hart - Gwinn, MI - friend - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Dear Chuck, Chrissy, Curtis, and all of Ed's family,

I am so sad to hear the news and my heart goes out to you. Your dad was always very kind to me and, as I remember, all of our "gang."

As my own kids enter their teenage years and struggle with learning how to form healthy relationships, I can only hope that they find with their friends and friends' parents the kind of safe haven and warm hospitality that I found at Ed's house.

I remember always being welcome there and, as a result, spending a lot of time there. Your house was a place where I first watched Monty Python, it was where we were when the Gulf War began and was announced on T.V. In the kitchen we made our favorite 'everything' cookies (later I would learn that they are called Ranger Cookies) and where your dad introduced me to fried SPAM. The former I still enjoy, the latter I do not.

Hopefully your time together on Thursday will help you remember his life and tell the stories that will ease the pain.

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Daniel Sorensen - Seattle, WA - Friend - December 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dearest Chris and all of Ed's family,  
We were so saddened to hear about Eds passing. We always enjoyed anytime we spent with him while he was in Ishpeming, I was recently thinking about the 'Prom Dinner', we had at our house Chrissy, for you, Emily and Dan I think. The dad's had so much fun knowing we saved you kids a small fortune. Even if you did have to have Chicken. LOL  
Our love and prayers to all of you.

*Ron and Janice Lovel*

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**Janice Lovel - Ishpeming, MI - friend** - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We are so sorry for your loss. Eddie was a wonderful and fun man to be around. He always had a smile on his face. We had many great times at the family reunions held at our home. We are thankful we were able to see Eddie this past Summer!!!! What a joy it was to know and be around Eddie at the reunions.  
He will be missed by many.

*Mark & Brenda Lindeblad*

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**Mark & Brenda Lindeblad - Munising, MI - cousin** - December 29, 2010 at 12:00 AM