



Gary R. Rochon

May 19, 1941 - April 20, 2026

Gary R. Rochon, 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, April 20, 2026, surrounded by family and friends at his home (camp).

Gary was born May 19, 1941, in Vulcan, Michigan, son of the late Gilbert and Genevieve (Jennie Kluskens) Rochon. He attended Vulcan High School, graduating in 1960, and went on to complete two years of college at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay. He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

On July 21, 1973, Gary married the love of his life, Annabelle “Anne” Norman, at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kingsford. Together they shared 52 wonderful years of marriage.

Gary spent 34 dedicated years working in maintenance at Dickinson County Hospital, retiring in 2007. A lifelong resident of the area, Gary was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Norway.

He was a talented woodworker who generously donated his time and skills to create toys for the Toys for Tots organization. An avid outdoorsman, Gary found great joy in hunting – especially turkey and deer – as well as gardening, berry picking and spending time in the woods. Known for his kindness and steady presence, Gary was a wonderful husband who loved the Lord and

enjoyed using his gift of helps to serve others. He was an avid Nordic fan who LOVED his Nordic family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Anne; his brother, Ron (Patricia) Rochon of Norway; his daughter, Laurie Bates of Kingsford; three grandchildren, Michelle, Cuyler, and Alyssa; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four sisters-in-law, Barbara Trepanier, Lois Packard, Karin Norman and Lucille Edgar; a brother-in-law, Donald Norman; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Gary was preceded in death by his sister, Marlene Miller, and his brother, Robert Rochon.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will follow at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor David Williamson officiating. Burial will take place at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. A light lunch will be served following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Gary's memory may be made to the Toys for Tots organization.

Condolences may be expressed to Gary's family online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gary R. Rochon*



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - May 09 at 11:44 AM

MA

Thank you for posting a video of Gary's memorial service. What an awesome tribute to his life filled with great messages. Ann and Gary have been amazing role models in our community to both young and old. Rest in peace, Gary. Your pain and suffering are over. Ann, praying God gives you strength during this difficult time in life. God bless you and be with you. Mark and Tina Anderson

Mark and Tina Anderson - May 10 at 11:29 PM

JR

“ *Our sympathy & love to you, Anne as you will miss Gary daily. Praying the Lord will give you peace & comfort today. We wish we could be there to give you HUGS!! Please know we are praying for you now & always! Love you! ~Jerry & Jeanne Rusch~*

Jerry & Jeanne Rusch - May 09 at 09:57 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary R. Rochon.*



May 04 at 11:32 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Gary. May you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Bill, Darcia and Lyam Schooler - May 01 at 10:20 PM



“ *Such a lovely obituary for a love well lived. We are so sorry for your loss and thinking of you with love and many prayers.*

-Doug and Sarah Edgar

Sarah Edgar - April 29 at 07:00 AM