



## Gerald L. "Jerry" O'Dette

December 1, 1940 - May 8, 2016

Gerald L. "Jerry" O'Dette, 75, of Kingsford, died Sunday, May 8, 2016 at his home after battling medical issues for many years. He was born on Dec. 1, 1940 in Marquette, the son of the late Leonard and Bonita "Bunnie" (Nelson) O'Dette.

Jerry graduated from Kingsford High School in 1959 and attended Northern Michigan University. He served in the Michigan National Guard and worked for thirty-three years as a production scheduler at Grede Foundry. After retiring from Grede, he worked for Sara Lee for ten years.

Jerry married Beverly Michaud on March 8, 1974 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain. The couple enjoyed camping and a dream vacation to Alaska.

Jerry enjoyed cutting wood, fishing, and hunting. He was an avid gardener and was known for growing big red tomatoes. Jerry was also a devoted Green Bay Packers fan.

He is survived by his wife and best friend Bev, four children Larry (Jean) O'Dette of Breitung Township, Michelle (Steve) Coughlin, Melissa (Thomas) Eckhardt of Appleton, and Danelle (Dan) Kelly of Vulcan, his sister Fern Tutas of Kingsford, his father-in-law Bill Michaud of Kingsford, six grandchildren

Ryan O'Dette, Jaimee (Matthew) Brouillette, Jacob Coughlin, Anthony Ruzzicone, Dominic Ruzzicone, and Kendra Kelly, and one nephew Jim Tutas.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law George Tutas, his mother-in-law Eleanor Michaud, and his niece Kathy Paquette.

Visitation will be Friday from 11am-1pm at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1pm at the funeral home. Father Timothy Ekaitis will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Gerald L. "Jerry" O'Dette can be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I worked with Jerry @ Sara Lee for 10 years what a great guy. Always smiling and had a joke to tell you. I will miss his laugh and that twinkle in his eye. What a wonderful and caring guy. Hugs and love

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**cindy wender** - May 24, 2016 at 04:35 PM

FP

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Always enjoyed time with Jerry. Worked together for ~13 years, Several Fishing trips come to mind. Lake Gogebic and Lake Winnibigoshish in MN. Good Man, Great sense of Humor and certainly Loved his Family. Cherish the Memories.

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**Frank Pearson** - May 13, 2016 at 06:54 PM

KC

“ Larry and Jean. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Kristen Curran

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**Kristen Curran** - May 11, 2016 at 04:40 PM

BA

“ Jerry and I share a birthdate, December 1, 1940 so I was reminded of my high school classmate at least once a year. I was able to visit with him at his home a couple of times in the last few years and it was good to rehash old times. I would agree with Bob Mannigel that Jerry really had a nice basketball shot. We practiced against each other many times during our four years at KHS. We got to know each other pretty good. He was a good guy.  
Bob Allen

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**Bob Allen** - May 11, 2016 at 01:21 PM

BM

“ I had the pleasure of 4 wheeling with Jerry at our camp a few years ago, we had a blast!  
I had not seen him for 50 years until our 50th class reunion! One of the first addition gang during school. I told him he had the best basketball shot ever, he said he gave that talent to his granddaughter.  
Bob Mannigel

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**bob mannigel** - May 10, 2016 at 07:19 PM

LD

“ So sorry to hear of Jer- will miss him dearly. God bless Bev & family, Truly, Lisa D. & Bushy



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**Lisa Durr** - May 10, 2016 at 06:11 PM