



## Gerald L. Shoup, Sr.

July 7, 1939 - February 12, 2016

Gerald “Jerry” “Gramps” Shoup, Sr., 76, of Bark River, formerly of Crystal Falls, died Friday, February 12, 2016 at his home. He was born on July 7, 1939 in Lansing, Michigan to Harold and Dorothy (Ward) Shoup. He graduated from Everett High School in 1957.

Jerry served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-1968 as a sergeant. He served in Fairbanks, Alaska, Shemya in the Aleutian chain off of Alaska, and San Antonio, Texas as a medic.

Jerry became a Respiratory Therapist in 1969. Soon afterward he found his love for the Upper Peninsula. He combined the two things and began the first respiratory therapy departments in many Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin hospitals, later settling into the Crystal Falls Hospital with his own business until the mid 90’s when he retired.

He was a lifetime sports enthusiast playing football, basketball, and baseball in high school. He continued to play fastpitch softball throughout his service years and well into his adult life. Jerry was proudest to have umpired baseball and softball for 50 years, refereed basketball for 35 years, and was the athletic trainer for Forest Park sports for more than 15 years. He was an avid sports fan, cheering for the Lions, Red Wings, Tigers, and Spartans. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Jerry is survived by three children Gerald Shoup, Jr. of Fort Atkinson, WI, Tina (Dennis) Martinson of Kingsford, and Karen (Chris) Veeseer of Wilson, one sister MaryAnn Stephens of Grand Ledge, MI, four grandchildren Maygen Martinson, Christopher Martinson, Teague Shoup and Tristan Shoup, two great grandchildren Rozalynn Mason and Evangeline Martinson, his former wife Vicky Shoup, "adopted" daughter Dana (John) Beard and her children Abagael and Johnathan Beard, and "adopted" granddaughter Jennifer (Josh) Larson and her children Amelia Gordon and Caleb Larson, special niece Madison Paul and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents, one sister Norma Timiney, mother and father-in-law Victor and Juanita Romas and nephew Tommy Donaldson.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 27, from 10am-12 noon at Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 12 noon at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research.

Condolences to the family of Jerry Shoup, Sr. may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 12:00 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

FEB 27. 12:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. He was such a good man, and a privilege to know. He was one of the most honorable men that I was fortunate enough to meet, and so genuinely proud of his family and their accomplishments. He will be sorely missed.

Audry Poquette - February 27, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Shoup, Sr..



February 26, 2016 at 04:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gerald L. Shoup, Sr..



February 25, 2016 at 08:22 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. May the God of all comfort give you the peace that surpasses all thought during this difficult time. (Philippians 4:6,7)

K - February 23, 2016 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jerry's family. I was lucky to grow up knowing him and will always remember all the pointers he gave me to make me a better person and athlete (especially with the humor he always seemed to add). I'm thankful to have had Jerry as a part of my life and he will always be in my memories.

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**Jessica Martin** - February 23, 2016 at 12:42 PM

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“ Boilerhouse Flower Fund purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gerald L. Shoup, Sr..



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**Boilerhouse Flower Fund** - February 23, 2016 at 06:29 AM

LS

“ I met Gerry when my Sister, Karen, began working for him at the Crystal Falls hospital. She knew nothing of respiratory therapy but he trained her and she became an excellent Healthcare Provider. I also had the privilege to work with Gerry. He always put his patients first, but he was also great as an educator sharing his knowledge with so many. He was a wonderful coach and mentor to so many young athletes. He meant the world to our family and he will be sorely missed by those who had the privilege to have him grace their lives. A smile will always cross my face when I remember him "cutting a rug" at our hospital parties. I will also remember the strength he lent to my Sister and I when battling health challenges - Never give up! We won't and until we see you again... We will keep on pushing forward! Rest in peace Gerry. Deepest sympathies to your family.

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**LaVerne Smith** - February 21, 2016 at 04:03 PM

KM

“ *My heart is broken ..hard to find the words...I loved this man. He was always there for me & my family...they adored him too. He was an inspiration. He gave me my start in Respiratory Care. I remember how well he interacted w his patients. He LOVED his family first & foremost!!! You will be missed! THANK YOU!!!*

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**karen martin** - February 16, 2016 at 08:15 AM