



## James M. Marlett

December 2, 1942 - August 20, 2016

James Melvin Marlett, 73 of Iron Mountain, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital after a hard fought battle with Advanced Prostate Cancer. He was born on December 2, 1942 in Iron Mountain, son of Elayne D. (England) and the late Melvin M. Marlett. Jim attended the Iron Mountain schools, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1961. He was a great all around athlete and Basketball player while there. From 1961 to 1962 he attended Superior Wisconsin College. From 1962 to 1966 he worked as a surveyor/ log cutter for Kimberly Clark. From 1964 to 1966 he also worked for the Groveland Mine. He went on to attend Northern Michigan University in 1966, and graduated with a BS in History in 1969. Afterward Jim taught History/Social Studies/Geography at Goodman High School from 1969 to 1970. After one year of teaching Jim moved to Houghton and attended Michigan Tech University studying Forestry from 1970 to 1974. Jim's love of hunting and fishing persuaded him to go into the Sporting Goods business, so in 1974 he opened Jim's Sports Shop which he owned and operated until retiring in 2005 at the age of 65. His brother Larry was a partner in the shop from 1976 to 2005.

Jim met Sandra Lee Dahl at the Pine Grove Country Club, and they were married at the Trinity United Methodist Church in November of 1962. She preceded him in death in February of 1983 due to cancer.

Jim was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church his entire life. He was a member of the Pine Grove Country Club where he loved to golf. He enjoyed bowling, and played in a league at Chickies Lanes. He was an avid hunter, and enjoyed spending time at camp either working or at leisure. In his later years, Jim enjoyed gardening both flowers and his tomato plants.

Jim is survived by his Mother, Elayne D. Marlett of Iron Mountain; his brother, Lawrence E. Marlett of Iron Mountain; sons, Joseph J. Marlett of Iron Mountain and Melvin J. (Emily) Marlett of Escanaba; three grandchildren, Meredith K. Marlett of Farmington Hills, Claire K. Marlett of Escanaba, and Breana F. Masinelli of Rockway Beach, MO; his Australian Terrier, Tupper.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Condolences to the family of James M. Marlett 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.