



James R. Nelson

June 9, 1935 - November 7, 2024

James R. “Jim” Nelson, 89, passed away peacefully on the morning of November 7, 2024, holding his baby girl, Annie’s hand. He was surrounded by lots of love from his entire family during his final days at Marshfield Medical Center - Dickinson in Iron Mountain.

Jim was born on June 9, 1935, in Bessemer, MI, to Carl and Signe (Riipinen) Nelson. He was raised in Ironwood, MI.

Jim met the love of his life, Lorene “Winty” Nelson in Ironwood, and they married on September 29, 1956.

Jim started working at a young age and continued his career at Michigan Bell where he retired after 32 years in 1989. Jim was a very hard worker, was full of energy, and never wanted to be bored, so along with his career at Michigan Bell, he owned various businesses over the years, including mobile home sales in Iron River, MI, and Nelson Marine in East Kingsford. He always loved boats, motors and snowmobiles and shared that love with anyone who knew him. After retirement from Michigan Bell, he soon realized that retirement wasn’t for him, so he started a career as a salesman in which he was a “natural”. He worked for Bob’s Homes and Riverside Auto where he won many top sales awards. After his sales career he then found his passion in woodworking and began to make custom cabinetry and furniture. He was very

talented and built hundreds of pieces of custom furniture in his workshop throughout the years for his family, friends, and customers at Appliance and Furniture Mart. He was a “Jack of all trades” and there was nothing he couldn’t do!

In his “spare” time Jim enjoyed flying his Cessna 150 with his son, spending winters in Punta Gorda, Florida, fishing, boating, water skiing, woodworking, visiting with friends, and most importantly, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren - whom he loved dearly.

The memories will be cherished and remembered by his wife of 68 years, Lorene; his children, Robin (Jeffrey) Rasmussen of Kingsford, Jim “Jessica” Nelson of Quinnesec, Angela (Jeff) McLean of Iron Mountain, and daughter-in-law, Sherry Nelson; six grandchildren, Mark (Tiffany) Rasmussen, Catie (Stephan) Schultz, Michael (Jaime) Rasmussen, Jamie (Joe) Tinti and Carson & Ella McLean; seven great-grandchildren, Grayson, Chloe, Conway, Aria, Hadley, Hudson & Raelynn; sisters-in-law, Jane Cashin and Flossie Nelson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Jack Nelson, and three sisters, Betty (Ben) Halme, Kathy (Bill) Richards and Karla Nelson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 12 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Quinnesec United Methodist Church. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 pm at the church. Pastor Walter Reichle will officiate. The burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jim Nelson online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Quinnesec United Methodist Church
677 Division St.
Quinnesec, MI 49876

Funeral Service

NOV 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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