



## James D. Rock

October 3, 1941 - September 8, 2025

James D. Rock, 83, of Kingsford, died Monday, September 8, 2025, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Born to Donald and Ada (Bartoletti) Rock on October 3, 1941, in Iron Mountain, MI, Jim graduated from Iron Mountain High School and enlisted in the Navy in 1961. He married Mary Gibson on April 4, 1964, at St. Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford. For the last 55 years he and Mary have been faithful members of American Martyrs Catholic Church.

In his youth, Jim fearlessly broke horses and was a golden gloves boxer. After graduating high school, he pursued technical training at Electronic Trade School in Milwaukee, WI. Jim was a very hard worker and built a career working with Montgomery Wards, Paul Electric, and MJ Electric until ending his career with Werner Electric. Like a true Yooper, Jim enjoyed spending time outdoors - hunting, fishing, four-wheeling and spending time at camp on Chief Lake. In retirement Jim enjoyed spending winters in Apache Junction, AZ, embracing the warmth of the desert.

Above all, he was immensely proud of his grandchildren and cherished every moment with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary; two daughters, Kathy (Mike)

Pelto of Brookfield, WI, and Pamela (Dennis) Nelson of Kingsford; five grandchildren, Christine (Russ) Pietz, Andrew (Dr. Ali) Pelto, Amanda (Robb) Fisher, William Nelson, and Forrest (Chelsea) Nelson. He is also survived by his brothers, Duane (Vicky) Rock of Norway, David (Julie) Rock of Iron Mountain, and Albert Rock (Janice Besaw) of De Pere; sister-in-law, Jeanne Doucette (Jay Hunter); and brother-in-law, Jack (Jan) Gibson.

Along with his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara DeClark; brother-in-law, Ken Wickman; and sister-in-law, Pat Wickman, who passed away on Friday.

The family would like to thank the VA medical staff (hospice and palliative) for their outstanding care of Jim.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 19th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Kingsford Funeral Home, 1000 S. Carpenter Ave., Kingsford. A Memorial Mass will take place at 11:00 a.m. at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Greg Heikkala will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of James Rock may be expressed online at [www.erickson-rochon-nash.com](http://www.erickson-rochon-nash.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

SEP **19**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter Avenue  
Kingsford, MI 49802  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Mass

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Church  
908 W Sagola Ave  
Kingsford, MI 49802-5336  
(906) 774-0630

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Jimmy was my classmate and friend. He was well liked by all the members of the class of 1961. He was blessed with a great sense of humor and a very likable personality. He is in my prayers. Tom Clarke

Tom Clarke - September 16, 2025 at 06:23 PM

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“ Bill Doucette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James D. Rock.

Bill Doucette - September 16, 2025 at 03:25 PM

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“ Bill Doucette purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of James D. Rock.



Bill Doucette - September 16, 2025 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James D. Rock.

September 16, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James D. Rock.*



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September 16, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Larry and I send our deepest sympathies to the families of Jimmy Rock. Our prayers are with you all during this difficult and painful time. God's peace be with you all.*

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**Larry and Carol Trevillian** - September 16, 2025 at 02:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James D. Rock.*



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September 16, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *I offer my condolences and prayers for the family. From the picture of Jim, he was easily recognizable - he hadn't changed much. As I recall, he was one of our first HS classmates to have a car.  
Classmate: Ken Sikora*



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**Ken Sikora** - September 16, 2025 at 09:54 AM

LH

“ *Lois Barglind and Mo Huntley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James D. Rock.*



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**Lois Barglind and Mo Huntley** - September 15, 2025 at 06:06 PM