



## James B. Saxon

October 4, 1951 - December 30, 2022

James B. "Sax" Saxon, 71, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022 at the Marshfield Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

Jim was born October 4, 1951 in Waukegan, IL, son of the late Wayne and Ruth (Gustafson) Saxon. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1969 and attended college in Milwaukee, WI to become a draftsman. Jim soon realized that a career as a draftsman was not for him, and he moved back to the area. He was hired by the Kennedy family as a mechanic at the Twin City Texaco where he spent many years. Jim then became a part owner of Modern Laundry service. Eventually that business was sold to Dickinson County Hospital and Jim took a position at the hospital, in the laundry department. He delivered not only the linens, but a smile and a kind word to others he came in contact with. He retired from the hospital in 2013 after 25 years of service. Jim married Susan Johnson on September 21, 2002. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain and a 50+ year, life-time member of the Kiwanis Ski Club. Jim loved going to camp and feeding the deer and ducks in his yard. He was actively involved with baseball and softball in the area, from a young age. From a player to a coach to an umpire. He enjoyed spending time with his family and supporting anything that his kids and grandkids were involved in. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He will be sadly missed.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sue; three children, Liz (Curtis) Schenk of Watonga, OK, Kim (Ernesto) Fernandez of Thomas, OK, and Derek (Kaitlyn) Saxon of Appleton, WI; seven grandchildren, Abrianna, Jeremiah and Caleb Fernandez, Olivia and Sydney Hampton, and Charlotte and Emma Saxon; his siblings, Charlene Krafski and Shirley (Larry) Schmidt, both of Wichita, KS, Randy (Betty) Saxon of Elizabethtown, KY, and Nancy (Nicky) Buchcuski-Shimwela of Iron Mountain, MI and Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania; a brother-in-law, Tom (Debbie) Johnson of Rochelle, IL; a sister-in-law, Kris Saxon of Kingsford; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert "Bob" Saxon and two brothers-in-law, Kurt Krafski and Bill Buchcuski.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Friday, January 6 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 12 noon at the funeral home. Rev. Stephen Cowen will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Judes Childrens Hospital in Jim's memory.

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

Condolences to the family of Jim Saxon may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
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Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ I was so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have fond memories of spending time with Jim and his siblings when we were young. We're keeping all of Jim's family in our thoughts and prayers.  
*Larry & Sherry Hill*

Larry Hill - January 06, 2023 at 11:22 PM

PA

“ Dear Sue, we have no right word to express our sympathy we are sending you healing prayers and comfort during this difficult time



Pamela - January 06, 2023 at 07:27 AM

NA

“ Sue, sorry to hear the news of Jim's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Nancy - January 04, 2023 at 08:45 PM

DK

*Nancy Shimwela we share your loss. May the Lord comfort the family.  
Rest in Eternal Peace Jim*

Dr. Victoria Kisyombe - January 06, 2023 at 05:08 AM

BC

“ *Very good friend. I will miss you*



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**Bob Copley** - January 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM

MH

“ *Sue , I'm so sorry to hear of Jims passing ...you were the best wife ever ... hugs*

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**marian hiatt** - January 04, 2023 at 02:51 PM

BC

*So sorry and surprised. Jim was a very good friend. We spent so much time together talking about family and relationships. I'm going to miss him and his daily visits at our bar stops. It will take time for me to get over his passing.*

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**Bob Copley** - January 04, 2023 at 05:01 PM

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“ *~Sue~ lit a candle in memory of James B. Saxon*



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**~Sue~** - January 03, 2023 at 08:29 AM