



Jeffrey Leon Church

January 16, 1954 - October 28, 2025

Jeffrey Leon Church, 71, of Kingsford lost his battle to Alzheimer's on Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, at Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, WI.

Jeff was born in White Pine, Michigan, on January 16th, 1954, to parents William "Bill" & Barbara Church. Jeff grew up in Kingsford and attended Kingsford schools, graduating in 1972 with the honors of being senior class president.

After graduation, Jeff enlisted in the US Air Force. He completed basic training in Alabama and later was stationed at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base. After his honorable discharge in 1976, Jeff was employed with the Oscar G Johnson VA Hospital where he held many titles. He later retired from the VA on November 2nd, 2012.

Jeff enjoyed playing baseball for Greenleaf's Bar, racket ball, volleyball, basketball, and golf. Aside from sports, Jeff's true passion was the outdoors. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He never missed an opening day at the "Church Camp" in Fence, WI.

He was also an active member of the Elks Lodge in Iron Mountain where he was awarded the highest honor of Elk of the Year. He enjoyed spending his Friday's at the lodge having dinner and drinks with family and friends.

Jeff is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Sandra Church; 2 daughters, whom he loved dearly, Lindsay (Joe) Dambroski and Monica (Jim) Willson; his 2 grandsons, Blake and Malek; his parents, William "Bill" (Florence) Church and Barbara Church (Ernie); a brother, Michael (Debra) Church; 2 sisters, Lynda (Rick) Steeno and Debbie (Mike) Rodman; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 6th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 2pm-5pm with services starting at 5pm. A Celebration of Life will be held afterwards at Bob & Gerry's Bar (Jeff's favorite "watering hole").

The Jeffrey L Church Memorial Scholarship has been established, and donations can be made directly to Kingsford High School.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jeffrey Leon Church online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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

NOV 6. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

NOV 6. 5:45 PM (CT)

Bob and Gerry's Bar
1145 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jeffrey Leon Church



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - November 06, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RG

“ So very sorry to hear about Jeff. He was a wonderful person, always had a smile and a warm greeting for everyone at work. Our sincere sympathy to all Jeff's family.

Rod and Cynthia Gordon - November 09, 2025 at 07:48 AM

LF

“ Larry Johnson and Family planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.

Larry Johnson and Family - November 06, 2025 at 12:06 PM

JG

“ Lynda and family,
So sorry for your loss. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Jenni

Jenni Giguere - November 06, 2025 at 12:00 PM

JC

“ Jeff was a great '72 classmate and friend who will be missed and remembered.

Joy Carlson - November 06, 2025 at 11:35 AM

RH

“ My deepest condolences to all of Jeff's family. Your friendship will always be remembered. May God grant you eternal rest. 🙏✝️



Randy Hicks - November 06, 2025 at 10:35 AM

DK

“ Discover Kalamazoo purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.



Discover Kalamazoo - November 04, 2025 at 04:20 PM

DK

“ Discover Kalamazoo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.

Discover Kalamazoo - November 04, 2025 at 04:20 PM

PC

“ *PBBS Equipment Corporation purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.*



PBBS Equipment Corporation - November 04, 2025 at 12:23 PM

TF

“ *The willson family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.*



The willson family - November 04, 2025 at 07:55 AM

TF

“ *The willson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.*

The willson family - November 04, 2025 at 07:55 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.*



November 04, 2025 at 07:44 AM

FF

“ From your OSI family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.

From your OSI family - November 04, 2025 at 07:44 AM

JP

“ I will never forget you. RIP. 🙏❤️

J Peterson - November 03, 2025 at 04:23 PM

KT

“ Ki Mobility Parts and Tech Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.



Ki Mobility Parts and Tech Team - November 03, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.



November 03, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TR

“ Terry Rice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.

Terry Rice - November 03, 2025 at 02:23 PM

JR

“ Sandy, you have my deepest sympathy. Jeff was a great guy and I always enjoyed being with him. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jim Rahoi

Jim Rahoi - November 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.



November 02, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DK

“ Dr Dave and Trish Kuplic planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.

Dr Dave and Trish Kuplic - November 02, 2025 at 09:38 PM

DR

“ Dan Recla sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeffrey Leon Church



Dan Recla - November 01, 2025 at 06:29 PM

MT

“ *Mary Jo Trepanier lit a candle in memory of Jeffrey Leon Church*



Mary Jo Trepanier - November 01, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LL

“ *Sandy and family, we are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts. Brand and Leigh Lindstrom*

Leigh Ann Lindstrom - November 01, 2025 at 11:53 AM

TF

“ *Tony Rodman & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.*



Tony Rodman & Family - October 31, 2025 at 01:41 PM

TF

“ *Tony Rodman & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeffrey Leon Church.*

Tony Rodman & Family - October 31, 2025 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jeffrey Leon Church.



October 31, 2025 at 09:59 AM