



John Ernest Grier

August 8, 1943 - January 3, 2023

John Ernest Grier, 79, of Iron Mountain passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, in the comfort of his own home.

He was born on Aug. 8, 1943, in Chicago to the late John B. and Dorothy (Lagerstedt) Grier. John was a graduate of Kingsford High School, Class of '61. In April of 1964 he enlisted with the Army National Guard. While John was working at Bert Harvey Wholesale Sporting Goods, he met Linda Peretto, and on Dec. 11, 1965, they were married at First Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. John's National Guard Unit was deployed twice, including a deployment to the 1967 Detroit Riot. He was discharged in Dec. of 1969. John worked a variety of jobs, the longest of which was with the Groveland Mine, before opening his store "Whispering Pines Outpost" in 1983. He ran the store until his retirement in 2020. John was a patriot and an outdoorsman. In addition to hunting, fishing, and gardening he was a voracious student of war history. More than anything, John loved spending time with his family and cherished moments such as watching the Packers with his wife.

John will be deeply missed by his wife of 57 years, Linda Grier; 2 children, Stephanie White (Brian) and John Grier (Laura); 3 grandchildren, Jeremy (Amber) White, Christopher White and Timothy M. LaPine; great-granddaughter, Ingrid Mae White; and many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday Jan. 10, 2023, with Rev. Stephen Lehmann officiating the funeral service at 6:00 p.m. Burial will be in Stambaugh Cemetery in the spring.

John's family would like to thank the entire community for their care, support and patronage of his store.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of John Ernest Grier online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Stambaugh Cemetery

Stambaugh, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
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Funeral

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Tribute Wall

SK

“ Linda, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Though, I never met John, he sounds like the kind of fellow my husband and I could have made friends with. Sorry we never had the opportunity.

You are in my thoughts and I hope that memories of John's well-lived life, sustain you and your family with each passing day.

Sally Meyer Kirkpatrick

Sally J Kirkpatrick - April 25, 2023 at 02:46 PM

MP

“ I am so sorry that I missed John's funeral. I picked the wrong day. I'm gonna miss him. I already missed him because of not seeing him in the sport shop, and having our a little bit sessions.

Mike pirlot - January 17, 2023 at 05:24 PM

SB

“ Deepest condolences. I was lucky to have met and talked to John a couple of times over the years. What a fantastic guy.

Steve Bartolac - January 12, 2023 at 11:36 AM

DB

“ Johnny was my cousin. I used to ride my bike to visit his Mom Dorothy, and Johnny was always welcoming. He never missed family events. I love him and miss both him and his Mom.

denise bruder - January 08, 2023 at 10:00 AM

WJ

“ John and I were classmates at Quinnesec and KHS until our family moved to Florida. We were in the same confirmation class at First Lutheran. Whenever we came to Michigan I always stopped at Whispering Pines and had coffee with John. Godspeed John.
Bill Johnson

William Johnson - January 06, 2023 at 08:15 PM

OW

“ Linda and family,
I'm so sorry to read of John's passing. He was such a fun but sometimes serious guy. I first met and got to know him when we both worked at Shopko the first year they opened in Kingsford. We had wise cracks for each other and also talked about Church since I knew of him from First Lutheran. Later of course my husband Harlan and sons would go to his bait store on M95 and very often got their hunting license there. My sympathy and prayers are with you. May the Lord wrap his arms around you for comfort as He has warmly embraced John.
John 3:16
Orice Walters



Orice Walters - January 06, 2023 at 04:59 PM

SM

“ John boy, you will forever be in my heart. We spent almost 30 years together, went through babies being born and being raised in the store, marriages, passings and so much more. All the early mornings and late evenings for walleye opener, deer season opener, people begging us to stay for bait. We had lots of fun, you will never be forgotten. 💙 star.

Star Martin - January 06, 2023 at 10:58 AM

KS

Because of the Cuban crisis - Russia moving missiles into Cuba - John and I were worried about being drafted into the army for two years, so we joined the Guard. I was going to school in Milwaukee and I drove up to join the National Guard unit (monthly meetings plus 2-weeks summer camp.

We were both sworn into the Kingsford NG unit on the same day at the same time. We were the last two people to make it under the quota before it was closed to all others. If I remember right, John and I were immediately assigned to the artillery survey section under Sgt Harry Kleiman - the well driller (now deceased). John fulfilled his six year obligation and I stayed in for 23 yrs.

I stopped At John's sport shop many times. A good friend!! 👍👍👍

Ken Sikora

Howard, Wisconsin

Ken Sikora - January 08, 2023 at 08:01 PM

RL

I first met John when I began fishing in the area about 15 years ago, always looked forward to visiting the bait shop, and a conversation. I remember one visit I was buying some crappie minnows and asking John lots of questions about the mine pits, must have distracted him because when me and my buddy got there the minnow bucket held only water, never did tell John! I only saw him twice a year but he is etched in my memory. Richard Lorenz

Richard Lorenz - January 11, 2023 at 11:34 AM