



## Jon Ebertsch

March 6, 1959 - March 25, 2011

Jon Arthur "Josh" Ebertsch, 52, of Granite Bluff, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 25, 2011, at his home surrounded by family, after a courageous four month battle with cancer.

He was born on March 6, 1959, in Chicago, son of John R. and Deanna L. (Baacke) Ebertsch. He and his family moved to the area in 1971. He attended North Dickinson High School and graduated in 1977. Josh went to work at Shopko in 1976 where he worked for 15 years. He then joined the Local 1329 Laborer's Union.

Next he went to work at Hamm's Service Station as a mechanic for nearly four years. He worked as a self employed carpenter for most of his life. He loved carpentry and was a very talented woodworker. He handmade many beautiful pieces of furniture over the years, with his most recent project being the remodeling and new deck at the White House Tavern and Grill. He loved working security at the Norway Speedway and watching racing, and he recently achieved one his dreams by attending a NASCAR Race at the Bristol Motor Speedway in 2010.

Josh was always known for his long hair, with which he donated to the "Locks of Love" and "Children's Hair Loss". He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, riding motorcycles, and raising chickens. He loved watching wildlife in the

backyard; especially, the bears. He was the Godfather of both Cody Martin and Erica Ebertsch.

Josh is survived by the love of his life and wife, Amy Schneider; his daughter, CaSandra "Casey" Ebertsch of Iron Mountain, who is attending school at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.; mother and father, Dee and Jack Ebertsch of Iron Mountain; brother, Brett (Patti) Ebertsch of Iron Mountain; sister, Star (Kent) Martin of Iron Mountain; aunts and uncles, Susan (Rudy) Mashak and Arthur (Pat) Baacke; nieces and nephews who referred to him as "Uncle": Joseph, Jason, and Erica Ebertsch, Mandy (David) Shogren, Cody (Colleen) Martin, Franny Martin; great nieces, Addyson and Caylee Shogren and many special friends and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. David Anderson officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be "the son he never had" David Shogren, Jim Hamm, Mike Redfern, Jim Ebertsch, Matt Lake, Rob Ellis, and Gerry Sadowski.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

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

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



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

MAR 28. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Josh has a luminary in his name at the Relay for Life starting on June 17, 2011. Matt misses him very much.

Betsy and Matt Lake - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend - June 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ To Josh's family: I never met Josh, but his mother was a good friend down in Illinois. She talked about him with more than a mother's love, and her grief grieves me. How very hard this must be for all of his family and friends. Maybe wishes won't do much, but I have hope for prayers. May all who suffer here, Lord, know Thy presence and be touched by the Holy Spirit. Give them the joy of spring and the best of 52 years of memories to help them heal. Give them comfort in the knowledge that the special person whom they brought to earth now passes into eternity.

Dorothy Urbaitis - Geneva, IL - Friend of DeeDee - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ We can only imagine the pain of loss you are all feeling right now. We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to all of you. What a wonderful man he was.... George and Joan

George and Joan Filbert - Dolton, IL - Josh's Mother's cousin - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Bret, I was so sorry to read (via internet) about Josh passing away - your entire family has my deepest sympathy. It has been many years since I've seen you, Josh, or Star, but think of all of you often. You're in my thoughts and prayers. Allen & Joanne (Gustafson) Shangle

Allen & Joanne (Gustafson) Shangle - March 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Casey and family,

*I am so sorry for your loss, Josh always made me laugh and always had a smile in his heart. He will be deeply missed.*

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**Bobbi Dollar - Sheboygan, WI** - March 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ WE ARE SORRY ABOUT YOUR LOSS. JOSH WS A GREAT PERSON HE IS NOW IN NO MORE PAIN.GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY WE ,WILL MISS HIM AT THE RACE TRACK

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**GREG AND LORI MAAS - IRON MOUNTAIN, MI - FRIEND** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Very sorry to read of Josh's passing. May he rest in peace.

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**Mike Sarder - Barnwell, SC** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ To the family of Josh, Sorry to hear about Josh. I worked with him at Shopko. He was one special person. Our prayers go out to you

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**Sharon Hansen - Bullhead City , AZ - co-worker** - March 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are so saddened to hear of Josh's illness and passing. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that Josh's physical pain is over and his great spirit lives on. God bless.

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**Denise and Craig Smith** - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ I'm sorry for your loss. Josh was one of the greatest guys I have ever met. I remember going to his house for supper. He was the only person to ever make zucchini that I actually liked. I have so many memories that have him in them, it just won't be the same without him, especially since now I'll have to take the fish off the hook by myself. Thanks Josh for everything. We'll miss you a lot, but you'll always be here with us.

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**Laura & Dan Valley - Iron Mountain, MI - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ To Star and Family Members.....

*We are deeply saddened to learn of Josh's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.....*

*Jim and Sharon Dabb*

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**Jim and Sharon Dabb - Sagola, MI - friend - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

DW

“ We are sorry to hear about Josh. I worked with him at Shopko and there was never a dull moment. He was a great guy. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Debbie & Bill Knutson - Fence, WI - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

KF

“ I'm goin to miss you Josh, always fun and entertainig and the best dam carpenter to learn from. My prayers go out to his family.

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**Kevin Romitti - Iron mountain , MI - freind - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time of sorrow. I worked with Josh at Shopko, he came off as a tough guy but was always a joker, such a sweet heart. Josh was a hard worker and a caring guy. He has touched many lives and was loved by all who were blessed to have met him. God Bless.

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**Roberta Pancheri LaFave - Escanaba, MI - friend** - March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Josh was one of the truest friends I ever had. Although we didn't see much of each other the last few years, he was like a big brother to me for years. I will miss him very much. Rest in peace, my friend.

Charlie

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**Charles Lauersdorf - friend** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ We were very sorry to hear about Josh. He was such a great guy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Nick & Jill Romagnoli - Traverse City, MI - Friend** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Please accept our deepest condolences. We are praying for strength and comfort for you all at this time. Josh will always be remembered fondly for the great person that he was and will remain in our hearts.

With our love to you all,  
Bill, Maryann & Emily Fudacz

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**Bill, Maryann & Emily Fudacz - Clarendon Hills, IL** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ My condolences go out to your, family. I was friends with Josh in School, and He was always "cool" and easy going. My prayers go out to you.

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**Dennis Sanders - Niles, MI** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ To the family of Josh -  
Roger & I were so sad to read about Josh's death. I worked with him during his years with Shopko. He was a good worker - and things were never dull when he was around. We will miss the mischievous twinkle that was always in his eyes! Many Blessings,  
Roger & Cheri Hamilton

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**Cheri Hamilton - Iron Mountain, MI - Former co-worker** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our deepest sympathies to your family. Jay and I had a lot of great times fishing with Josh way back when. He was one of the first friends we had we we moved to Iron Mountain. He was a great guy. May God Bless and comfort each of you.

*Jay & Anne Matthews*

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**Anne Matthews - Iron Mountain, MI - friend** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My deepest sympathies to you for the loss of Josh. He sure was one of a kind. He will never know how many people he touched during his short time on this earth, but mine was one of them. Thanks for the memories. May you rest in peace.

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**Jennifer Flynn - Kingsford, MI** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Know that Josh is not suffering anymore and that he will remain in the hearts of many for eternity.

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**Dan and Shari Wallner** - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sorry about your loss. I have been thinking of all of you all week. I hope you are at peace with him not suffering anymore. Sending you all big hugs.

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**Johanna Sirovy - friend from A&W** - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ You have my deepest sympathies. I am truly sorry your family had to go through this. Josh was a wonderful person. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all.

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**Connie (cooper) Bailey - Kingsford, MI - friend of family** - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM