



Joseph G. Cerasoli

May 14, 1938 - November 6, 2025

IRON MOUNTAIN - Joseph G. Cerasoli, 87, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford.

Joe was born May 14, 1938, in Iron Mountain, MI, son of the late Fred and Sophie (Swenski) Cerasoli. He was a 1957 Iron Mountain High School graduate and proud lifelong Northsider, getting his first job as a delivery driver for Schinderle's Bakery at the age of 15. Joe served in the Michigan Army National Guard, and lived in Milwaukee for several years where he worked at Bud Selig Ford as a mechanic. He moved back to Iron Mountain and married Frances Foley on August 6, 1966, at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church. Joe started Cerasoli Motors in Iron Mountain in 1961, which he owned and operated for 44 years before retiring in 2005.

Joe put work and family above all. He routinely worked 12 hour days and was on call for his tow truck business 24/7. He had few hobbies, as he was a dedicated family man. He told his children, and anyone who would listen, that the best thing he ever did was marry Fran, and that she was the one thing that mattered most to him. He enjoyed spending time volunteering for his children's activities and he was the de facto driver for the Iron Mountain Cheerleading team from 1985-1989. After his grandchildren were born, he received great joy in playing with them in his swimming pool and giving them rides on his lawn mower. When he did have free time, Joe had a few

passions. He was very interested in aviation, airplanes and World War II history. He loved homegrown tomatoes and his father's endive. His one passionate hobby was downhill skiing. He had a gorgeous skiing style, cultivated a close-knit group of skiing buddies and they took several very memorable and fun trips out West together over the years. After he retired, Joe enjoyed hanging out with friends at B's Cafe, and at his friends' auto shops, just as he once hosted older friends and colleagues at Cerasoli Motors, where they sat on an old truck bench and enjoyed Pepsi from his vintage bottle dispenser.

Joe is survived by his wife of 59 years, Fran; his 2 daughters, Anne Cerasoli of Nashville, TN, and Laura (Kevin) Schmiegel of Lake Ellwood; 2 brothers, Ray (Karen) Cerasoli and Fred Cerasoli; 3 sisters, Betty Beaudoin, Carol "Bitsi" Hamm, and Mary (Joe) Spigarelli; 2 grandchildren, Jack and Mary Frances; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Daniels, and 2 brothers-in-law, Wally Beaudoin and Ted Hamm.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 11 from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial mass will follow at 11:00 am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Michael Chenier will officiate. Burial will be at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences to the family of Joe Cerasoli may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Mass

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

TY

“*Fran, I am so sorry for your loss. Going to miss seeing you at Evergreen. Tom Youngell (Jim's son).*”

Thomas Youngell - November 11, 2025 at 03:02 PM

SB

“*All of us here at NAPA AUTO PARTS of Kingsford were sad to here of Joes passing. Not only was he a long time customer but as long time friend to all of us here. We will miss his jokes and stories of his Tow Truck days and nights in the repair shop. He was truly an icon of the area and will be missed deeply.. Especially the BRUNS family will always remember our working and off the clock relationship. Joe was one of our very first customers and always kept us on our toes. May GOD BLESS JOE and your family.*”

SHAWN BRUNS - November 11, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JJ

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of joe’s passing. He was not only a respected colleague, but a true friend and mentor who shared so much wisdom and kindness over the years. His guidance and fatherly advice had a lasting impact on me, both personally and professionally. I will always be grateful for the time we shared, the lessons he taught me, and the example he set through his integrity and generosity.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who were fortunate enough to know him. His presence will be missed, but his influence will live on in all of us who had the privilege to call him a friend.

*With heartfelt sympathy,
Jim Johnson*

Jim Johnson - November 11, 2025 at 02:08 PM

CB

“ My condolences to you all. Know that youre prayed for during this difficult time. My mother Marie and I would love to be there with family but she’s too fragile to make the trip. Peace be with you.

Craig Bengry

Craig Bengry - November 10, 2025 at 10:44 PM

KL

“ My sincerest heartfelt condolences to all the family...of course, you all know I had the privilege to grow up knowing the family as my Grandma Corsi was best friends with Sophie and I worked with Bitsi...my heart goes out to you all..with love and hugs

Kristen A Lindholm - November 10, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MS

“ I know the Schinderle family appreciated Joe’s service as a driver for the bakery. My deepest sympathy and condolences to his family.
Martha Schinderle

Martha Schinderle - November 10, 2025 at 04:25 PM

KC

“ Kate, Dennis and Torin Cerasoli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph G. Cerasoli.

Kate, Dennis and Torin Cerasoli - November 10, 2025 at 11:07 AM

KC

“ Kate, Dennis and Torin Cerasoli purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joseph G. Cerasoli.



Kate, Dennis and Torin Cerasoli - November 10, 2025 at 11:07 AM

LS

“ Love and prayers, Kurt and Shannon purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph G. Cerasoli.



Love and prayers, Kurt and Shannon - November 10, 2025 at 11:04 AM

DC

“ Debbie and Sam Cavanaugh planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph G. Cerasoli.

Debbie and Sam Cavanaugh - November 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph G. Cerasoli.



November 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

KS

“ Our sympathies to the Cerasoli family. Joe's business had done many vehicle repairs on my Dad's trucks at Sikora Sheet Metal. I know - I drove them there. I graduated from HS with Dick Cerasoli. Any relation?
Ken Sikora
Green Bay

Ken Sikora - November 10, 2025 at 09:27 AM

SP

“ My Deepest Sympathies to the loss of Joe he was always nice. So sorry for the family may Joe RIP 🙏🙏 my husband Rudy knew him well. RIP to them both



Susan Piatti - November 10, 2025 at 05:21 AM

KS

“ So very sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Praying for strength and peace as you move through this very difficult time!

kristi solda - November 09, 2025 at 10:28 PM

LS

“ Love, The Schenks purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joseph G. Cerasoli.



Love, The Schenks - November 09, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ Jason Dempsey, Jack, Linda & Danita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph G. Cerasoli.

Jason Dempsey, Jack, Linda & Danita - November 09, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JD

“ Jason Dempsey, Jack, Linda & Danita purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joseph G. Cerasoli.



Jason Dempsey, Jack, Linda & Danita - November 09, 2025 at 03:04 PM