



## Joseph W. Church

February 23, 1961 - December 7, 2021

Joseph W. Church, 60, of Homestead, WI, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

He was born on February 23, 1961 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Gordon and Helen (Czech) Church. Joe graduated from Florence High School in 1979 and worked in the woods logging since age 14. He was employed at the Niagara Paper Mill for 26 years. When the mill closed, Joe started a logging business and spent his recent years working in the woods as a logger. He was an elite sawyer and an avid hunter and trapper. Joe was a member of Knights of Columbus Council #2847 of Niagara, WI, for 37 years. He was also a member of the American Tree Farm Association, the Homestead Conservation Club, Boy Scouts of America and Snowmobile Club. Most importantly, Joe loved his family, his dogs and was a good friend to many. He was the “Best Dad” and deeply cared for his daughter, Lacey, his son, Warren and his girlfriend, Jane. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Joe is survived by his son, Warren; his daughter, Lacey Church of Aurora; his girlfriend, Jane Weber of Homestead, WI; his siblings, Juanita Carlson (David Burgess), Lawrence Kansas, Marilyn (Bill) Vassar of Aurora, WI, Pat Church of Iron Mountain, MI, Fran (Andy) Herman of Niagara, WI, Veronica Church of Niagara, WI, Gerard (Linda) Church of Homestead, WI, and Jon Church of Stephenson, MI. He is further survived by a sister-in-law, Jackie Church (Rob

Cristan) of Armstrong Creek, WI; brother-in-law, Ray Miannecki of Green Bay, WI; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Helen Church; his brother, Peter; and his sister, Kathy.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 12, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services to follow at 3:00 pm at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joseph Church 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 arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **12**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

## Funeral Service

DEC **12**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joseph W. Church*



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - December 13, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph W. Church*



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - December 13, 2021 at 09:40 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to the family and friends of Joe Church. I'm praying that your happy memories help ease your grief. I'm a distant cousin; Marie Church Ozzello is my grandmother - Betty Ozzello Miller is my Mom.*

*Jean Miller Wortock*

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**Jean Marie Miller Wortock** - February 04, 2022 at 07:47 AM

DP

“ Joe Church delivered our winter wood for years. Each delivery was a personal gift of humor, woody insights, a helping hand or kind word when needed, a positive view of life, as well as the best quality winter wood we ever secured. Joe touched both of us deeply with his great heart and we are deeply saddened by his passing. He will continue living in our memories forever. Farewell to one of the best!  
Pat and Doug Parsons

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**Doug Parsons** - December 12, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JC

“ I remember Joe's quiet strength when we as a family, we were struggling with end of life decisions when our father was rapidly deteriorating. He was a calm influence on us all. We all remember the humorous, fun loving and caring side of a good man. He is missed already. Juanita, Sister, and partner, David Burress, Lawrence, Kansas

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**Juanita Carlson** - December 10, 2021 at 05:29 PM

NJ

“ My dearest cousin Joe, another chunk of childhood to be forever stored in loving memory within my heart and mind.  
My deepest and heartfelt condolences to ALL the family(s)  
Noreen (and Don) Jameson  
Fayetteville TN

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**Noreen Jameson** - December 10, 2021 at 03:33 PM

JP

“ Joe was a great guy and great friend. We had a lot of good times in and out of the paper mill. Will miss Joe.  
John Podnar

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**john podnar** - December 10, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph W. Church.



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December 10, 2021 at 11:01 AM



“ Debra lit a candle in memory of Joseph W. Church



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**Debra** - December 10, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ We will miss Joe, lots of good talks as he delivered my wood for the last few years. Thinking of all of his family.

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**Debbie Lind** - December 09, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ Brad Machus and the employees at Central Super Market will miss him. God bless his family and friends. RIP

*Central Super Market*

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**Lori Machus** - December 09, 2021 at 03:40 PM