



Lawrence A. Capra

September 1, 1926 - May 29, 2025

Lawrence A. Capra, 98, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away Thursday, May 29, 2025, at his home.

Larry was born September 1, 1926, in Iron Mountain, MI, son of the late Carlo and Seconda (Brosio) Capra. A graduate of Iron Mountain High School, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII. On August 22, 1953, he married Mary Ann Spencer; she preceded him in death in 2006. Larry received math and physics degrees from Western Michigan University. Mary Ann, a nurse, worked to help with Larry's college education at the University of Michigan, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

After living and working in Grand Rapids Michigan, Larry and Mary Ann moved back to Iron Mountain in 1960 when Larry was hired as an engineer at M.J. Electric. He eventually became a licensed Professional Engineer, part owner of MJ Electric, and initiated and managed the Systems Control Division for many years. He also served as a director of the Commercial National Bank & Trust company.

Larry's hobbies included fishing, hunting, and golfing. During his entire life, he was a man of many projects. He spent countless hours in his home workshop working on everything from Model A Fords to small wind and water generators. He enjoyed many years with family and friends at Spread Eagle

Wisconsin and Bonita Beach Florida.

He is survived by his son, Mark (Rosann) Capra; daughter, Melissa (John) Ehren; two grandchildren, Melinda Kratzig and Ross Ehren; 3 great-grandchildren, Elle Kratzig, Carter Kratzig, and Dahlia Ehren; a sister, Carol Brodie; and special friend Betty Occhietti.

Along with his parents and wife Mary Ann, Larry is preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Capra, Irene Secinario, Phil Capra, Jeanette Moreau, Kathleen Bosilovatz and Marcille Weaver.

There will be private family services.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to their favorite charity.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Lawrence A. Capra at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com.

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

Tribute Wall

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“ As a teenager, I had the pleasure to work for Larry (Mr. Capra) at Systems Control. I would sometimes get called to his office which would make my coworkers think I was on the verge of getting canned for some error, when in reality all we talked about was trout fishing! The energy he brought to his professional life was always inspiring. The last time I ran into Larry he immediately asked me if I had been trout fishing. When I shared my recent escapades chasing Browns, he looked at me with a pause and said, "I miss it so." I trust Larry is now on a peaceful stream casting out to the ring of a rise with a never-ending beautiful sunset. I was blessed to have known him. Eric Erickson

Eric Erickson - June 16, 2025 at 04:06 PM

JR

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Larry when my son took on a paper delivery route and it became a family affair. Larry was always so full of energy and kindness when we would deliver, and many times would be waiting expectantly for the paper delivery. He loved keeping up with his news. I also had the pleasure of connecting with him when he provided a gift to the YMCA. We will miss him as a neighbor, leader and mover and shaker in the community. His legacy will live on. Love and prayers to the entire family. Treasure all of the happy memories with your dad.

Jonathan R - June 16, 2025 at 08:11 AM

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“ we are so sorry for your loss. Your dad was an incredible man. Loved his sense of humor as well as his intellect. He was absolutely ageless. His legacy will live on in his family. We are so blessed to have known him. Always smiling !!!! I am so happy that he is with your mom again. The heavens are smiling too. Love, Cathy and Paul Lundy

Catherine Fox Lundy - June 14, 2025 at 05:45 PM

DM

“ I remember the day when Larry brought his little VW Bug over to have my Father to look at the engine, he said it wasn't running right. My Father was Mel, from Mel's Foreign Car Service. He opened the hood, and there was a mass of electrical components and wires. Larry had built an Electric Bug! My Father got a real kick out of that! RIP Larry! Dennis Martin

Dennis Lee Martin - June 14, 2025 at 02:02 PM