



## Melvin Daryl Elsey

July 6, 1972 - July 6, 2012

Melvin "Mel" Daryl Elsey, 40, of Felch, MI, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 6, 2012.

Mel was born June 15, 1972 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Daryl and Rose Elsey. He was raised in Howell, Michigan where he attended and graduated from Howell High School in 1990. Upon graduation of high school, Mel moved to the Felch area with his parents to help them establish their new business, LC's Tavern. Mel also held various positions in the restaurant industry but what he loved doing the most was tending bar for his dad.

Mel was a son, a brother, a nephew, an uncle and a good friend to many, but the role he was most proud of was being a father to his son, Breydin. The two of them had a special relationship and they enjoyed being together. Mel and Breydin especially enjoyed going for 4-wheeler rides, bowling, trips to the park in Felch and just spending time with one another. Breydin was the light of Mel's life and he adored him.

As a child, Mel loved fishing with his dad, Daryl, and going on camping trips with his parents to the Upper Peninsula. Mel was a great conversationalist and enjoyed being in the company of people. He was witty and well-liked by everyone. He enjoyed tending bar at LC's Tavern, playing a good game of cribbage, and beating his dad at pool. He served up drinks along with smiles

and laughs. Mel was artistic and was skilled at drawing and watercolor. He also had a great love for music from all genres and was gifted with a beautiful singing voice. Mel was a good-hearted person and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mel is survived by his parents, Daryl and Rose Elsey; his son, Breydin; his brother, Robert Roseliep; his sisters, Cynthia Monarch, Sheila Lawrenson, Beth Tiberio, Teresa Elsey and Jill Benavidez. He is also survived by Breydin's mother and close friend, Ame' Trumbell, as well as his extended family, Ryan Oman, Les and Bonnie Trumbell, Laura (Dan Flattery) Trumbell and Jill Trumbell. He is also survived by his good friend, Mark Koivu. Mel is further survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mel was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Hazel Elsey, his aunt, Melva Parsons and cousin Pat Parsons.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt appreciation to the volunteers on the Nordic and Beacon ambulance teams.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 11, 2012 from 3:00pm-6:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral service will immediately follow at 6:00pm. Rev. Carl Hammer will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mel's memory.

Condolences to the family of Melvin "Mel" Elsey may be expressed 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

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you to all that attended Mel's service, and thank you to all who sent prayers and condolences. Our family is deeply touched and gratefull.

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**Teresa Elsey - West Bloomfield, MI - Mel's Sister** - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am the daugther of David (the late Susan) Richie of Howell. I often was at the Elsey home due to thefriendship and working relationship that our dad's had. It was either a work day, or a day of fishing with the family!

Mel, graduated with my husband Mike! Howell residents were pretty close nit! Just as other's have commented, Mel always had a smile on his face or a joke to tell/share. My family was saddened to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Elsey family. May you find comfort and strength in the days ahead. Sincerely,  
Shelly and Mike West

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**Shelly (Richie) West and Mike West - Howell, MI - Classmate / Friend** - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I will always remember Mel in school. Whenever you crossed paths with him, his shining personality and energy made an impact. Although I haven't seen him since High School, as an adult his comments and posts on fb will be dearly missed. He was a special man. May your memories be blessed and may the Lord watch over him in Heaven and your family on Earth.

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**Aurora Toomey Kneebone - Classmate** - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ MEL & I HAD MANY SPONTANEOUS DISCUSSIONS (FROM THE DOWN TO EARTH TO THE VERY LOFTY) ABOUT NEARY EVERY TOPIC UNDER THE SUN. SOME WERE SHORT, BUT MOST HAD RATHER LONG TIME FRAMES. HE HAD A SPECIAL TALENT TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH THEMSELVES. HE WAS NEVER AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.

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**RON WIXOM - BRIGHTON, MI - CLOSE FRIEND OF DARYL ELSEY** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you struggle with the emptiness of losing someone so dear to you

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**Charlie & Bob Roseliep - Alamo, TX - friend** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ To the Elsey family & extended family,

*During this difficut time I want you all to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mel was a great guy and i'll forever cherish the great memories of the times we had together, God bless all of you.*

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**Matt Neumann - Felch, MI - Friend** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Thoughts, prayers, and hugs to you all during this difficult time. We will remember Mel fondly. He had a big heart and will never be forgotten.

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**Katie, Jonah, Wyatt & Avonlea Kuhlman - Skandia, MI** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ I remember tending bar with Mel and he always made the time go by quickly with his humor. He was adored by everyone who came in contact with him. My thoughts and prayers go out to each and every one of his family members.

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**Cindi (Isham) Brault - Green Bay, WI - Family Friend** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Daryl and Rose,

*We are shocked to read about Mel's passing, please know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Our grandson is staying with us this week, he's only six-years-old and we are unable to make it to the funeral. Please know that we would be there with you all, but we will make a trip to Felch soon Daryl to see you.*

*Losing a child is simply the worst thing possible. God now has Mel at Home and without pain or suffering. You will be reunited some day, just know how very much he loved you all.*

*One of the last things Mel shared with me at the bar was your phone number Daryl, he said..."call my Dad, he'd love to hear from you." He also shared with me memories of "Milly" and the bar, we enjoyed visiting with him so much.*

*God bless you all at this most difficult time.*

*Shirley and Tom DeRidder*

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**Shirley and Tom DeRidder - Escanaba,, MI** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Mel will be sadly missed by all. He was funny and always had a smile on his face when you saw him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family.*

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**Robyn and Eugene Dennocenzo - Felch, MI - friend** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM