



## Michael A. Bennett

January 18, 1954 - May 9, 2023

Michael A. Bennett, 69, of Iron Mountain passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH.

Mike was born Jan. 18, 1954, in Marquette, MI, son of James J. and M. Virginia (Carlson) Bennett. After graduating from Marquette High School in 1972 he attended Northern Michigan University. On Sept. 9, 1977, he married Diane Dupras in Marquette. He was a Marquette firefighter and EMT from 1976-1980. His career as a Marquette Firefighter ended after sustaining life threatening injuries in an auto accident which through the grace of God, he was able to overcome. After moving to Iron Mountain in 1986, Mike took a position at the Quinnesec Paper Mill as a safety/security officer and EMT where he worked until retiring in 2016. Mike was a member of Knights of Columbus, Sons of the American Legion, and Saint Mary & Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Mike worked endlessly managing the Knights of Columbus Hall and Wednesday night bingo. He spent many years as Grand Knight and was very involved in many volunteer projects. Mike was an intense Notre Dame football fan and also loved watching the Green Bay Packers. Mike's true passion was spending time at the family camp on Lake Superior and honoring his father by keeping camp traditions alive. He enjoyed fishing, playing music and spending time with family at camp and around the campfire. Most of all, he enjoyed watching his grandkids' sporting events and spent many hours attending their hockey, soccer, softball, dance

competitions/recitals and just spending time with his kids and grandkids. Mike was a compassionate and loving husband, father, Papa and most of all, a devout Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Diane; two sons, Michael J. (Renee) Bennett of Andover, MN and John (Shanna) Bennett of Marquette; a daughter, Kelsie (Spencer) Rohr of Lebanon, OH; a brother, Tim (Dianne) Bennett of Marquette; three sisters, Cindy (Pete) Beairl of Laona, WI, Mary Bennett of Marquette, and Margaret (Gary) Gustafson of Marquette; and eight grandchildren, Brooke, Brett and Brianna Bennett, Claire and Finn Bennett, Harper, Bennett and Oaklee Rohr; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a brother, Shawn Bennett.

Visitation will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm (Central Time) on Thursday, May 18 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. The rosary will be recited at 12:15 pm at the funeral home. The funeral mass will follow at 1:00 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Marquette on Friday, May 19 at noon (Eastern Time).

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mike's memory may be made to the Dickinson County Right to Life.

Pallbearers will be John Korhonen, Dave Bishop, Chris Rexses, Pat Maraccini, Bob Boyle, and Gary Gustafson.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Michael A. Bennett 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

MAY 18. 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

## Rosary

MAY 18. 12:15 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAY 18. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Church  
414 Prospect Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael A. Bennett



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - May 19, 2023 at 01:37 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.



May 17, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.



May 17, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.

May 17, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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May 17, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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May 17, 2023 at 07:54 AM



“ *Stephen Wissler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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**Stephen Wissler** - May 16, 2023 at 06:38 PM

SW

“ Dear Diane and Family,  
Steve and I waited daily for Lynda's group text informing us about Mike status. We were so very sad to get the last message of Mike's passing. We didn't know Mike well, but we sure are incredibly sorry for what you and your family went through. We wish we had some magical words to help heal your soul, but hope time and loving memories will help ease your pain. Hugs and Love Steve and Deborah Wissler

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Stephen Wissler - May 16, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.



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May 16, 2023 at 12:35 PM

JK

“ Dear Bennett Family, Joe and I were sorry to hear of the passing of Mike. We are friends of Tim and Dianne and had sold tickets, for the Bay Cliff Harley raffle for years. Joe was the head of the ticket committee and was always appreciative of all the tickets he sold for the cause. We had the pleasure of meeting him when he and Tim sold tickets with us at the craft show in Kingsford. May God wrap his arms around you and your whole family through this difficult time.



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Joe and Kathy Kerekes - May 16, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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May 16, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *My sister who was a classmate of Mike's just informed me of his passing. Although my friendship with Mike was fairly brief, his friendship left a mark on my life. I was a classmate of Diane so my heart goes out to her and the entire family. I will always remember Mike as a humble and kind person, some I was proud to know!*

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**paul Andriacchi** - May 16, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Archer Eloise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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**Archer Eloise** - May 16, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.*



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May 15, 2023 at 08:48 PM

BG

“ I've known Mike for the better part of my life, and have held him in the highest regard. He was a man of integrity who made a difference in so many people's lives. He will be missed by so many, but he will also remain in the hearts of everyone who knew him. My heartfelt condolences to his family and many friends. Let your Spirit fly my friend.

Bruce Gustafson - May 15, 2023 at 06:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.



May 15, 2023 at 03:17 PM

CC

“ Dear Bennett Family, I enjoyed working with Mike for many years at the Quinnesec mill and I remember him as a very kind person who loved to laugh - we did that a lot as I recall. I'm so very sorry for your loss. I know Mike will be dearly missed. Keeping you all in my thoughts, Cyndi Cini

Cynthia Cini - May 15, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael A. Bennett.



May 14, 2023 at 11:30 PM

AL

“ Diane & family ~

*I am so very sorry for the loss of your husband, father , Papa and friend 😞. Nothing easy about losing someone you love.*

*May your cherished memories bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead.*

*Please know you are in the thoughts and prayers of many and you are not alone on this journey. You have an amazing “village “ of love and support. May God’s healing Grace be with you 🙏*

*Believe 💜*

*Ann LaFave Lindberg*



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**ann LaFave Lindberg** - May 14, 2023 at 12:18 AM

JF

“ Dear Bennett Family, I have attached a photo I took of Mike at last year’s Holiday Craft Show. He came each year, I always found him a spot. You know he sold all his calendars this past year and drove to Goodman, I believe to get more, came back and I think sold all of them too. As he was packing up, he made sure he could come back again, of course Mike, you will always have a spot. My deepest sympathies to all of you. Rest in Peace Mike.



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**Jennifer Flynn** - May 13, 2023 at 10:38 PM