



Michael F. Menza

April 26, 1958 - January 5, 2026

Michael Francis Menza, 67, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026 at St. Mary's hospital in Green Bay.

He was born April 26, 1958 in Iron Mountain, son of the late Francis "Jim" and Margaret (Conery) Menza. Mike graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1976. He served in the United States Navy from 1976 to 1980. He held several different jobs in the area including 20 years with the Iron Mountain Fire Department, retiring as Fire Chief. Mike was also a custodian at St. Mary and St. Joseph's Catholic Church, an over the road truck driver and bartender at Mayme's Bar. Mike was an avid bowler, having bowled three perfect 300 games and also had a 299 game. He also enjoyed playing bocce ball and pool. Mike coached soccer and basketball for several years. He was a big Detroit Lions and a fair-weather Pistons fan. Mike was happiest camping at Way Dam.

He is survived by a son, Kyle (Anna) Menza; a daughter, Angela (Dylan) Paterson and her children, Matthew (Madyson) Malone, Kiersten (Keith) Malone and Dylan Joseph Patterson Jr. Mike is also survived by his siblings, Monica (Paul) Fineberg, Jim (Patti) Menza, Mary (Scott) Broadbent, Maureen Galeazzi, Jane (Tom) Waggoner, Tom (Cathy) Menza and Chris (Marie) Menza; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mike Menza online at www.erickson-rochon-nash.com

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

Tribute Wall

CG

“ Dear Jim, Patti, and Family, we are so sorry to hear about Mike. Our sincere sympathy to you all.

Cynthia and Rod Gordon - January 19 at 05:26 PM

MA

“ On my first day at the Iron Mountain Fire Department, my old lieutenant, Hank pulled me aside and said something I've never forgotten:

“If you get in trouble, lay down and save your air.

The boys will come and get you.”

The highest compliment I can to pay another man: I'd fight fire with Wally any time.

Rest in peace Brother

Mike Amicangelo - January 15 at 12:47 PM

CL

“ My condolences to the family. I have many good memories of Mike over the years at the fire station.

Chuck Lauersdorf - January 13 at 09:27 AM



“ Our condolences to the family of Mike. †
Rest in peace Mike.
Scott and Brenda Pancheri



Scott Pancheri - January 12 at 01:19 PM

SH

“ Sending my love and prayers to the entire Menza family during this difficult time. May the grief you feel be replaced with happy memories. Life doesn't last forever, but memories are everlasting. Mike will always be fondly remembered.

Susie Heilala-LaFond - January 11 at 08:00 PM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Mike. Mike was a great guy and we all have many fond memories growing up him. Rest in Peace dear friend and classmate, IHS Class of 1976



Rosanne Turino - January 10 at 04:42 AM

PR

“ I bowled with "Wally" for many years for the Downtown Car Wash in Iron Mountain. Great guy and family. So sorry for your loss.

Pete Rossato - January 09 at 10:11 PM