



## R.W. "Bud" Sydmark

April 27, 1941 - February 23, 2016

R.W. "Bud" Sydmark, 74, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born April 27, 1941 in Gladstone, MI, son of the late Rudolph and Jene (Trottier) Sydmark. Bud graduated from Gladstone High School in 1959 and enlisted in the United States Navy where he served his country for two years. After being honorably discharged from the Navy, he attended Bay College where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Bud began his career at Pinecrest Medical Care Facility in Powers where he was employed for 10 years as an LPN before taking a position at the V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain. He was employed at the V.A. for 25 years, initially as a LPN and subsequently as an Addiction Therapist/Counselor. Following his retirement from the V.A., Bud continued to help people by working for the Community Substance Abuse Program. Bud married Patricia (Lesandrini) Coopman on April 19, 1991 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Aurora. He was a devout Catholic and active member of American Martyrs Church, the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree), the Serra Club, Ultreya and the D.A.V. Bud was an avid Packers fan. He enjoyed collecting coins and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; four children, Paul (Barb) Sydmark of Kingsford, Michael (Lani) Sydmark of Niagara, Cathy Hartenstein of Iron

Mountain and Calvin Coopman of Iron Mountain; his mother-in-law, Catherine Lesandrini; seven grandchildren, Lynsey Sydmark, Jeanette (Matt) Phipps, Michael Sydmark, Jayden Sydmark, Jill Logsdon, Alex Hartenstein and Laura Smart; two great grandchildren, Taylor Logsdon and Ty Montgomery; two sisters, Ruth Ann (Rich) Straebel and Debbie (Don) Leitzke; a brother-in-law, Ron Brow; and several nieces and nephews.

Bud was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Brow.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 2 at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral mass will be at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 3 at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Quinnesec Cemetery.

The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

Pallbearers will be Bud's nephews, Justin Degenauer, Jim Hixon, Kris Lyman, Nick Mellon, Jake Mellon and Travis Siewert.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bud Sydmark online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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/>

## Funeral Mass

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

GN

“ I went to high school with Bud in Gladstone. He was two years older than me, but I recall what a nice guy he was to we underclassmen. We always knew him as Rudy. I recall his keen sense of humor. He was in the band and chorus, and we stood close to each other in chorus and about 4-5 of us would mess up some lyrics just to get the Chorus Director, Mr. Cowen, perturbed. Mr. Cowen was always a good sport about it and would just give us "the look". I live in Gladstone, and I never knew Rudy was in Iron Mountain, or I would have dropped in to see him as I see a couple of medical specialists in Iron Mountain.

I am so sorry about your loss. He was a fine person and all around good guy.

Gerry Niedermaier

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**Gerry Niedermaier** - March 09, 2016 at 08:41 AM

KP

“ The "ivories" are playing classical music as we think of Bud! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

The Powers Family

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**Karen Powers** - March 01, 2016 at 08:43 AM

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“ Bud you will truly be missed. Rest in peace my friend! Pat thank you for the phone call. Know that I will be there in spirit during this difficult week. My thoughts and prayers will be with you Pat, Paul, Mike and the rest of the family.

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**Kim Nelson-Luokkanen** - February 28, 2016 at 10:57 PM

HM

“ Pat, Mike, family, and friends, I am so sorry for your loss. Bud was a co-worker of mine and Mike worked for me in Quinnesec. I got to know them both, great guys. I loved Bud's sense of humor and learned much from him. I am so sad to hear of his passing and I know he will be missed by many. God bless you all, and take care.

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**Holly McCarthy-Biolo** - February 28, 2016 at 03:35 PM

MM

“ So sorry to the family and friends of bud, he literally saved my life many times from addiction, he will be missed tremendously, a better person will be hard to find..

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**Matt mead** - February 27, 2016 at 04:37 PM

CG

“ Dear Pat and Family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Bud....how we all will miss his laugh and his personality. He was so happy with you and his family....he will be missed.*

*My deepest sympathy to you all. We are out of town so I am sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral.*

*Rest in peace, Bud.*

*Cynthia Gordon*

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**Cynthia Gordon** - February 26, 2016 at 11:43 AM