



Ray Elton Rankin Jr.

May 31, 1947 - December 22, 2025

Ray Elton Rankin Jr., 78, of Iron Mountain passed away on Monday, Dec. 22, 2025, at Optalis Health & Rehab of Kingsford.

He was born in Benton Harbor, MI, on May 31, 1947, to the late Ray Sr. and Margurite (Lawrick) Rankin. Ray was a graduate of St. Joseph's High School and later received his Bachelor's from Northern Michigan University. On Feb. 22, 1969, Ray and Polly were married in Lower Michigan. Ray and Polly moved to Spread Eagle in 1976 after starting the Double R Bar. Ray ran Rankin Accounting for many years. He was also proud to serve as an EMT for Florence County Rescue for several years.

Ray was very extraverted. He loved to joke and socialize with anyone that was willing whether that be in his bar, through his membership of the Masonic Lodges in Florence and Iron Mountain, or just anywhere people would happen to catch him out in public. He was a musician, playing guitar and adding vocals for the Country Sunshine band. Ray leaves many cherished memories of smear games and cracking jokes.

Ray will be missed by his wife of nearly 57 years, Polly; 2 sons, Tyrone (Veronica) Rankin and Trenton (Leah) Rankin; grandchildren, Zachary Rankin, Alexander Rankin, Antonio (Carrie) Rankin, and Antoinette (Michael) Jaimes; 4 great-grandchildren; and many other amazing life friends.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held at a later date.

Ray's family would like to extend a special thank you to his "third son", Jim Hamm, for his friendship and support.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ray E. Rankin Jr. online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences, Polly.*

Chuck Lauersdorf - January 08 at 07:37 AM