



## Robert J. "Bob" Belongie

June 23, 1937 - February 20, 2019

Robert J. "Bob" Belongie, 81, of Iron Mountain, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at his home.

He was born on June 23, 1937 in Escanaba, MI, son of the late Tony and Blanche Belongie. Bob graduated from Gladstone High School in 1955 and enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country from 1956-1960. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Bob attended Northern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Bob married Gloria Franklin on July 21, 1956 at All Saints Catholic Church in Gladstone. He worked at WE Energies for 27 years, retiring in 1994. Bob was an active member of American Martyrs Catholic Church where he served at funeral masses for many years. Bob truly cared for his community and was actively involved in various civic organizations in Dickinson County which included the United Way, Kiwanis, Rotary, the DCHS Hospital Board as well as several other boards. He was also a member of the Chippewa Club and Pine Grove Country Club. Bob enjoyed golfing and playing cards, especially Texas Hold'em with his poker buds. He loved traveling to see his family and spend time with his children and grandchildren.

Bob is survived by a son, Mark (Kathy) Belongie of Blue Ridge, GA; three daughters, Cindy (Charlie) Kelley of The Villages, FL, Diane (Joe) Frustaglio

of Osprey, FL, and Cami (C.J.) Back of Fishers, IN; a brother, Michael (Cindy) Belongie of St. Jaques, MI; 8 grandchildren, Paul and Melissa Belongie, Nicole (Adam) Phillips, Kyle (Kate) Kelley, Vinnie (Sarah) Frustaglio, Toni Frustaglio, Carli and Casey Back, Sarah (David) Crowe, and Bradley (Mary) Kelley; two great-grandchildren, Devin Kelley and Betsie Crowe; and nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria in 1994 and a brother, Tom Belongie.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Sunday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Monday at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Entombment will be in Gardens of Rest Cemetery in Escanaba.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet, St. Vincent DePaul of Iron Mountain or TRICO.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bob Belongie online at [www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.e rnashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Gardens of Rest Memorial Park

6556 Highway us 2 & 41  
Wells, MI 49894  
(906) 786-0021

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert J. "Bob" Belongie



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**Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home** - February 24, 2019 at 05:30 PM

CO

“ Mark, Cindy, Diane, Cami, and families,

*I was saddened to hear of the passing of your dad. However, I feel fortunate to have known him my whole life, and have many great memories of him as we all grew up together. He was a true gentleman with integrity. He will no doubt be missed by all, but we are comforted knowing he is now in the arms of our Lord and Savior.*

*Love and prayers to you.*

*Cory (and Ellen) Olson*

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**Cory Olson** - March 03, 2019 at 08:22 PM

CM

“ *Belongie family,  
We were so saddened to hear about your Dad. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. We remember the fun times we had when our families got together. I remember your Dad having to turn the car around and come back to our house because Bruce was hiding in the back seat when you were heading back home. I think Mark tried that one too. My mom and dad know that they have lost a friend. Please know that we have made a contribution to the Dickenson Cancer unit Loan department in your dad's name. Our deepest condolences,  
Wayne and Jane Cassell  
Bruce, Chris, Linda and families*

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**Chris Mineau** - February 28, 2019 at 11:30 AM

AF

“ *Bob Belongie Family,  
I had the pleasure of meeting Bob through work at WE Energies. I happened to be one of those "Milwaukee guys". I first met Bob in the early 80's. Bob was always the kindest, caring and most genuine person you could ever meet. I always said Bob was a prince of a guy and I was fortunate to know him. My thought and prayers to the family.*

*Allan Francois*

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**Allan C Francois** - February 26, 2019 at 04:20 PM

DF

*Thanks for sharing your kind words Allen ❤️*

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**Diane Frustaglio** - February 26, 2019 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ *Belongie Family,  
Mom and I were so sorry to hear of the passing of dear Bob. He was her favorite "cousin" and treasured the many beautiful memories that were made over the years! Love and prayers to all as you grieve the loss of your beloved father.*

*Sandy (Butler) Boutilier and Lori (Boutilier) Shea*

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**Lori Shea** - February 25, 2019 at 06:30 PM

DF

*Lori thank you so much! Your entire family has touched our hearts over the years. Thanks for your friendship. ❤️*

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**Diane Frustaglio** - February 26, 2019 at 10:00 PM

DP

“ *Dear Mark, Cindy, Diane and Cami,  
I was so sorry to hear your dad had died. I remember buying an old fashion Radio in a stand up piece of furniture and he helped Roman carry it over to our house.  
I wanted to come to the Visitation but the Wind and cold was terrible, but please know that my thoughts were with you.  
Dee Pierce*

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**Dee Pierce** - February 24, 2019 at 10:20 PM

DF

*Thanks for sharing that memory. The weather was very challenging and we understand why you stayed home. Please know we appreciate your thoughts and support ❤️*

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**Diane Frustaglio** - February 26, 2019 at 10:03 PM

JF

“ Julie Siegler and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert J. "Bob" Belongie.



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**Julie Siegler and family** - February 23, 2019 at 10:23 AM

PP

“ My condolences to Cami and the entire Belongie family., I am so sorry for the loss of your father and grand father may he rest in piece.

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**Pam Parsons** - February 23, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. "Bob" Belongie.



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February 23, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ God places individuals before you for a reason.  
By God placing Bob before me I was to learn how a true gentleman carries himself, how to carefully and attentively listen to others, and how to live life without fear.  
I have been truly blessed to have been in Bob's presence and will never forget the time spent with him.

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**Danny Bianco** - February 23, 2019 at 09:41 AM

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*Danny, thank you so much for your heartfelt words! You were a blessing in his life 🥺*

**Diane Frustaglio** - February 26, 2019 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ *My condolences to Cami and the entire Belongie family. Your father was such a terrific man and mentor to me. His positive influences on me as a young man are more than you will ever know! I hope you find comfort in knowing he made a big impact on many people in this world...I know, because I was one of the lucky beneficiaries of his inspiration! With Sincere Sympathy, Jim Riske*

**Jim Riske** - February 22, 2019 at 09:36 PM

DF

*Thanks Jim for sharing your touching words❤️ We caught up with Liz at the viewing and your family's support really means a lot at this time!*

**Diane Frustaglio** - February 26, 2019 at 10:08 PM

SF

“ *We will always remember Bob's compassionate acts of kindness throughout the many years that he worked with our Dad at the WMPC and especially during their later years of retirement. We are grateful to have known him.  
The four daughters of Willard and Nette Miller*

**Sue Flegel** - February 22, 2019 at 08:35 PM

MW

*To Mark and the entire family,  
Your dad was a true friend to our parents!! Always a kind word and a gentle smile. Caring was natural to him. He left a large imprint on IM and will be missed. Heaven has another beautiful soul.  
The Barbe Family*

**Mary Bridget (Barbe) Wetzel** - February 24, 2019 at 12:07 AM

DO

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing! I worked with Bob for about 13 years and really liked him. Bob and Gloria seemed like a perfect couple. Diane, and Cami (who were the only other family members I met) inherited good genes and seemed to take after their parents. Bob always seemed to be smiling when I saw him. A truly nice gentleman!! I'll miss him.  
Dewey Olson and Connie

Dewey Olson - February 22, 2019 at 03:47 PM

DF

Thanks for your beautiful words Dewey!

Diane Frustaglio - February 26, 2019 at 10:10 PM

DF

“ Bob was such a kind caring individual. He and Patti helped for many years with the Make a Difference Day Children's Christmas Party. He even donned an elf hat and played games with all the children. He will be greatly missed by all who had the opportunity to be a part of his life. I am saddened that the world has lost such a wonderful person. My condolences to his family. My you all find peace in knowing that he is in his heavenly home and no longer suffering. Peace be with all of you.

Denise Formolo - February 22, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. "Bob" Belongie.



February 22, 2019 at 03:12 PM

LW

“ *My condolences to your family. Mr. Belongie was one of the sweetest, kindest people I have ever met. He was one of my favorite clients (at Simone Insurance Agency).*

*Lori Williams*

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**Lori Williams** - February 22, 2019 at 03:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert J. "Bob" Belongie.*



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February 22, 2019 at 12:24 PM

RL

“ *My sympathies to the Belongie Family. Bob truly was a "guiding light" to those who worked with and knew him. I worked with Bob for several years until he retired. The memory of Bob's careful words, and advice, live with me now and will long into the future. He continues to be a model of how a good man treats people.*

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**Rich Larson** - February 22, 2019 at 11:14 AM