



Robert J. Gerhard

September 17, 1966 - August 25, 2025

Robert “Bob” James Gerhard, 58, of Iron Mountain, Michigan, passed away on August 23, 2025. Born to Betty and James Gerhard on September 17, 1966, Bob lived with an open heart and a boundless spirit, giving laughter, love, and light to everyone who knew him.

Bob was a proud and devoted father to Adam (Miranda) Gerhard, Abby (Tristan) Poss, Nathan Gerhard (Makayla Meise), and Charles Gerhard (Faith Bal). He was a grandfather whose joy overflowed for River Gerhard, and for the two little ones he was eager to meet in the months ahead. He is survived by his loving sisters Beth (Milan) Coburn, Susan (Jeffrey) Saholt, and Judy (Daniel) Ryan, the mother of his children, Barbara Crispigna-Scheibe, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews who will carry his memory forward with deep affection.

Bob graduated from Iron Mountain High School with the class of 1984. He went on to attend Northern Michigan University, where he played football. One of his greatest joys was cheering on his children in their athletic endeavors throughout high school and college. Bob was kind, funny, and endlessly energetic. He gave each of his children the freedom to dream, teaching them not just how to work hard and strive, but how to feel, laugh, and play. He had a gift for making the simplest of moments—whether a shared meal, long car ride, spirited conversation, or a long day in the kitchen—into a memory that

lingered like comfort and song. Cooking was one of his love languages, and he delighted in making meals that stretched for days, feeding both the body and the soul.

He lived his life as a giver of joy, a collector of stories, and a believer in possibility. To know Bob was to feel seen, cared for, and lifted up. He had a way of making people feel like the world was wider and more open than they imagined.

Those who knew him will remember the way he turned ordinary days into celebrations, the way his laughter carried through a room, and the way his kindness was never in short supply. He leaves behind not only his family, but also a legacy of love, humor, and the freedom to dream—gifts that will ripple on for generations.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, James and Betty Gerhard. Though our hearts are heavy, we are grateful for the years we were given with him, and we will continue to honor his life in the ways we love, laugh, dream, and gather around the table.

“We don’t just “play hard”, we play Gerhard” - Bob Gerhard, #44

Visitation will be Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Iron Mountain. The funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM. The Reverend Nicholas Hopman will officiate. Burial will be in Cemetery Park, Iron Mountain.

Friends may leave a tribute for Robert's family at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S. Kimberly Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1210 S Kimberly Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801-4619
(906) 774-2733

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.*



September 05, 2025 at 09:31 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.*



September 05, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.*



September 05, 2025 at 01:19 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert J. Gerhard.*

September 05, 2025 at 01:19 PM

WZ

“ Keith and I are heartbroken to learn of Bob’s passing. We will always remember our times together years ago when the kids were growing up and our shared experiences. Rest in Peace, Bob. His kids were his pride and joy. Always in our hearts and memories... our love to his entire family...”

Wendy and Keith Zambon - September 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM

AM

“ Amber & Joe Meise lit a candle in memory of Robert J. Gerhard



Amber & Joe Meise - September 02, 2025 at 01:30 PM

BC

“ Bob & Diana Johnson and Jan Charland purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.



Bob & Diana Johnson and Jan Charland - August 30, 2025 at 10:25 PM

PM

“ Dear Beth, Sue, Judy and the entire Gerhard family, I am so very sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. I remember him as the darling little red-haired boy “Rob,” who followed his big sisters around. He really looked up to all of you! I know that you have suffered the loss of your little brother right after the loss of your dear mother. This is such a heavy burden to bear! Please know that you are, and will continue to be, in my thoughts and in my prayers. Sending love to all of you, Patti (Costa) Meyer

Patti Meyer - August 28, 2025 at 08:01 PM

SH

“ There are no words to express how saddened we are to learn of Bob's passing. Bob was an extremely capable person who I worked with years ago, but stayed in touch with. His many abilities were impressive. He simultaneously held Mortgage, real estate and insurance licenses and was as skillful and knowledgeable as anyone I've ever known--- and a joy to work with. I absolutely loved the guy and will miss him big time. He took immense pride in Adam, Nate, Abby and Charlie.....who were the light of his life. RIP Bob.

Steve Harris - August 28, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.



August 27, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert J. Gerhard.

August 27, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.



August 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert J. Gerhard.

August 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ I am so saddened by Bob's passing. I first met Bob in 5th grade at East Elementary, and from that time on, we shared so many great memories. He became one of my best friends. Growing up, we walked to school together, rode bikes, and spent countless days around Iron Mountain. In our last conversation we were still laughing about those old times, which was so true to who he was: funny, open, and full of life. He spoke with pride about his kids, especially about Chuck playing at NMU, and it was clear how much his family meant to him. I will always remember him as someone who could make ordinary moments feel special with his laughter and energy. My deepest condolences to his family. Bob was a great friend and will be deeply missed.

Hank Robinson - August 27, 2025 at 10:05 PM

FR

“ From- Nick and Maria Rowell purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.



From- Nick and Maria Rowell - August 27, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Robert J. Gerhard.



August 27, 2025 at 02:02 PM



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JH

“ I am so sorry, my deepest condolences. Bob was one of my first east side friends as a young first grader, new to the east side. We grew up together at east elementary, then on to IMHS and NMU teammates. From Ted's grocery store candy to the campus of NMU, everything in between is a fond memory. We'd exchange birthday wishes on FB the same way every year--Happy Birthday East Sider. Bob was a tremendous athlete and well liked by everybody. I recall coaching my KHS freshman football team and how proud Bob was of his son's, who like their dad, always seemed to play their best on the biggest stage. Everyone lost a beautiful person. I will miss him. God Bless you all, from Jeff and Lisa Harry.

Jeff Harry - August 27, 2025 at 01:59 PM