



Robert W. Gingrass

March 18, 1949 - November 11, 2023

Robert W. Gingrass, 74, of Iron Mountain passed away on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center-Dickinson in Iron Mountain.

Bob was born March 18, 1949, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Jack and Betty (Jenkins) Gingrass. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1967 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Bob married Peggy Bandt in 1979. Bob was a member of Michigan Laborers Union Local 1329 and later Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 111, working for Carlson & Goulette Plumbing and Heating for many years before retirement. Bob was a member of the Elks Club where he volunteered his time and was voted Elk of the Year. In his earlier years he was an exceptional pool player and enjoyed playing softball. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed playing cards and going to camp. He was well-known in the neighborhood and took pride tending to his yard and walking his dog, Harley. After receiving a kidney from a donor in 2007, Bob was a strong advocate for organ donation. His greatest joy in life came from spending time with his family. He was a beloved brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He was resilient and strong, with a unique ability to have a positive attitude and keep his sense of humor no matter the hardships he faced.

Bob is survived by his wife, Peggy; his two daughters, Alexis (Tony) Vicenzi of Iron Mountain and Jennifer (Brett) Nepper of Milwaukee; 6 grandchildren,

Ethan, Evan, Tessa, Harper, Quinn and Oliver; a brother, Jack (Sue) Gingrass of Iron Mountain; a sister, Mary (Ray) Henderson of FL; a brother-in-law, Dan Wallner; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Shari Wallner; his mother and father-in-law, Margaret and Robert Bandt, Sr.; a brother-in-law, Robert Bandt, Jr.; and a nephew, David Bandt.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at First Global Methodist Church at 106 4th Street in Iron Mountain with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 pm at the church. Pastor Walter Reichle will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Robert W. Gingrass may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **18**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Global Methodist Church
106 Fourth St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

ED

“Peggy and family- I'm so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was such a great guy and quite the character. I have very fond memories of him as far back as high school. I know this is so devastating and hoping you all we find peace and comfort from all the wonderful memories he leaves behind. I'm sending you all my prayers and hugs. RIP, Bob- Much love, Beth Dewey

ELIZABETH DEWEY - November 27, 2023 at 07:40 PM

MJ

“Peggy, I was deeply saddened to hear of Bobby's passing. My sister Sheri shared the news when I called her today to wish her a Happy Thanksgiving. Bob and I went waaaaay back. We developed a strong connection in the last few years of elementary school. We actually played football together in 5th and 6th grade as halfbacks in the offense. John Cowell was our fullback. We also spent many good times at the East Side Skating Rink. I didn't get to know you well; however, what I did learn about you tells me that you and Bobby were a perfect match. Now I really regret not attending the 50th Graduation Reunion. It would have given Bobby, you, and I an opportunity to revisit so many fond memories. Take care of yourself, Peggy.

Mark Johnston - November 23, 2023 at 01:06 PM

AS

“Peggy and family, I wanted to be there in person but I'm recovering from surgery. I just saw Bob two weeks ago and as usual he gave me a big smile, a kindly word and a handshake. He always made me feel he was glad to see me and that I was important. I'll miss that smile. My condolences to you all. Art Spera

Art Spera - November 18, 2023 at 04:28 PM

JM

“ Peggy and Family: We are soooo sorry to hear of the loss of Bob. We remember how he always came along with you when you were showing us houses. He was a pleasure to know and to talk to. Our deepest condolences 🙏.

Jerry & Shirley Mardis - November 18, 2023 at 08:03 AM

NF

“ Nancy Robinson and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Gingrass.

Nancy Robinson and family - November 17, 2023 at 04:49 PM

NF

“ Nancy Robinson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert W. Gingrass.



Nancy Robinson and family - November 17, 2023 at 04:49 PM

AA

“ Adina-maria A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert W. Gingrass.

Adina-maria A. - November 16, 2023 at 09:25 PM

JJ

“ Condolences to Peggy and the family. I had a lot of respect for Bob.

Jason Juian - November 16, 2023 at 07:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert W. Gingrass.*



November 15, 2023 at 08:35 PM



“ *Peggy, so sad to hear of Bob's passing. Condolences to you and your family.*

Barb Schupp - November 15, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Leila Canavera lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Gingrass*



Leila Canavera - November 15, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy Peggy, to you and your family. Bob was a really nice guy. Hugs Don and Monica Maule*

Monica Maule - November 15, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Nick and I were so sorry to hear about Bobby. He was a Great Guy. We had many laughs through the years with him and he will be greatly missed by many people who had the honor to know him. Sending our love and deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Nick and Jill Romagnoli - November 15, 2023 at 03:56 PM

GG

“ *Gerie Gardiepy lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Gingrass*



Gerie Gardiepy - November 15, 2023 at 02:58 PM

DV

“ *So sorry for your loss* ❤️❤️

Deena Verrete - November 15, 2023 at 09:38 AM

SM

“ *Dear Peggy, our deepest sympathies go out to you and all of Bob's family...we were so saddened to hear of his passing. My mother-in-law Dee Mattson used to speak of Bob all the time when we'd reminisce of Es' high school days...he was loved by many. Remember the wonderful times and keep his spirit alive within your hearts. Sending hugs, love and God Bless!*

Sharon & Esley Mattson - November 15, 2023 at 06:02 AM

DP

So sorry to hear this news. My prayers of strength and peace to you and the entire family. May God be with you Peggy.

Dave Plante - November 15, 2023 at 07:08 PM

DM

so sorry about his passing i hope good wishes to you & family

donald mott - November 26, 2023 at 10:37 PM

MH

“ *Peggy, My sympathy to you . I always loved running into Bob and teasing him...and he gave it right back to me.We were fellow Eastsiders and classmates 🙏*

Marian Hiatt - November 14, 2023 at 07:54 PM