



## Robert L. Kelsey

January 18, 2021 - May 9, 2021

Robert Lee Kelsey, 82, of Iron Mountain passed away peacefully on May 9th 2021 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones.

Robert was born January 18, 1939 in Goodman, Wisconsin to the late Ralph and Leona (Fewless) Kelsey.

Robert loved nature, he enjoyed going for drives and just sitting in a park enjoying the sound of birds and the breeze on his face or the scent of fresh rain. He enjoyed fishing with his granddaughters and taking them blackberry picking in the summer.

He was an animal enthusiast and over the years had many dogs and cats he loved dearly, because of this love he collected numerous things that had eagles and wolves on them.

He also enjoyed looking for geodes on his adventures and bringing his finds home to show his grandkids and tell them all about them. He had a great dream to move to Alaska and look for geodes as well as pan for gold.

He had a deep love of cooking and baking and made plenty of sugary doughnuts for his family to enjoy. He had the best home-made chili and spaghetti sauce.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him, he had a gruff exterior with a heart of gold.

"Fly with Eagles  
Run with wolves  
Graze with all the buffalo  
I am free."

In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by his wife Kathryn Kelsey; granddaughter, Jennifer Adelia; brothers, Richard Kelsey, David Kelsey, and Bill Kelsey; sisters, Jacqueline Ewald, Joan Martin, and Marian Polach.

He is remembered with love by his two remaining siblings, Jacque (Donna) Kelsey, Linda (Gary) Schick; his children, Gordon "Sam" (Valerie) Key, Robert (Laurie) Key, Deanna (Larry) Johnson; grandchildren, including granddaughter and namesake, Jessica Leigh, who was also his caregiver and held a very special place in his heart; nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and close friend Jim Lemery.

In lieu of flowers or cards we ask that you make a donation to an animal shelter in his name.

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