



## Robert D. Olson

April 23, 1942 - June 2, 2017

Robert D. Olson, 75 of Sagola, passed away on Friday, June 2, 2017 at HCR Manorcare in Kingsford. He was born on April 23, 1942 in Ironwood, Michigan, son of the late Norman and Bonita (Gunderman) Olson. His father passed away when he was a child, and his mother remarried Edward Corcoran, who helped raise him and his brothers and sisters. He attended school in Escanaba and Iron Mountain, graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1960. He went on to attend Michigan State University earning a Bachelor Degree in Zoology in less than 4 years. He then attended the University of Chicago on a Fellowship.

Robert enlisted in the United States Army and worked in the Army Intelligence Corps, until being Honorably discharged in 1970. Upon his discharge from the Military he went to United States Tariff Commission, where he was an analyst for the chemical industry. He married Helen "Joyce" Robison on December 19, 1969 in Williamsport Maryland, and she preceded in him in death on October 12, 2008.

Robert lived in Churchton, MD for several years before moving to Sagola in 1973. He bought a small farm in Sagola where he farmed and opened and ran The Animal Farm, a pet and feed store, for many years. After closing his store, he went to work as a letter carrier for the US Postal Service, from which he retired in 2002. In his free time Robert loved to raise animals of all sorts,

garden, collect coins, and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

Robert is survived by his three sons, Daniel Olson of Iron Mountain, Lawrence (Cassandra) Olson of Green Bay, and Robert (Cassandra) Olson of Green Bay; grandchildren, Emily and Ethan Olson; his brothers and sisters, Norma Jean Hoke of Iron Mountain, Carol Paisley of Iron Mountain, Margaret Corcoran of Perham, MN, Pat Corcoran of White Lake, MI and Mike Corcoran of Iron Mountain

Besides his wife and his parents Robert was preceded in death by his stepfather, Edward Corcoran and a sister, Mary Schreiber.

The visitation will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral Service will follow at 1:00 pm at the funeral home. Rev. Michael March will officiate. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. The American Legion Post #50 will accord Full Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences to the family of Robert D. Olson may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery Details

## Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JUN 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Christmas and lifesaver candy books..That is all I need to say. Every one of his nieces and nephews know what this means. We loved when Uncle Bob came home for Christmas because he brought us all one of these. he was a very unique and caring man. Loved him and he will be missed by all of us.

Kerri Hudson - June 06, 2017 at 09:27 PM

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“ I am so sorry about the passing of your beloved Bob. When I moved to Iron Mountain in 6th grade, Margie and I became fast friends. I have so many wonderful memories of time spent with all of you at your C Street home. My most vivid memory of Bob was when he needed Margie to take care of his white lab mice in the basement. Of course, I had to go down there with her! Yikes, it was very creepy to me, but I did it for Margie, and Margie did it for Bob. Then as the years passed, and my daughter Lane and I would drive through Sagola to my parents, we would point out Bob's home, and Lane would say, "Big Bird lives there." To this day, I still say that. 🙄 You are most special to me. May God bless you with comfort and peace from this day forth. With much love, Linda Eliason OBrien

Linda Eliason OBrien - June 06, 2017 at 09:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert D. Olson.



June 06, 2017 at 08:14 PM