



## Robert A. Opsahl

July 17, 1938 - October 13, 2022

Robert A. “Buddy” Opsahl, 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at ProMedica Nursing Facility in Kingsford.

Robert was born July 17, 1938, in Channing, MI, son of the late Alfred and Ethel (Fraley) Opsahl. He was a proud veteran and served in the United States Army. Buddy was a union millwright and worked at various paper mills across the midwest for many years. He was a longtime member of the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 and the VFW Post 3674, both in Iron Mountain. Buddy loved socializing and cherished the many friendships he made at the VFW & Legion over the years and more recently at ProMedica. He enjoyed fishing and dancing and was an avid Packer fan.

Buddy is survived by his children, Brenda (Aaron) Kranz, Gregg (Linda) Opsahl, Tom (Gail) Opsahl and Rick (Audra) Opsahl; a son-in-law, Joe Mitchell; a stepson, Pete Vicenzi; a stepdaughter, Tina (Dave) Beaudoin; a brother, Jim Opsahl; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Just a few hours after Buddy passed, his beloved daughter, Chris Mitchell also passed away following a battle with cancer.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Lisa Mack;

a sister, Helen Antes; a brother, Sonny Opsahl; his first wife and mother of his children, Sonja; his wife, Phyllis Opsahl; and his wife, Janice Opsahl in 2019; a step son, Nick Vicenzi.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, October 28 at 11:00 am at the Channing Cemetery. The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military honors. A celebration of life with a luncheon will be held at the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Hall at 916 River Ave. Iron Mountain, starting at 12:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Buddy may be made to the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Channing Cemetery

Byers Rd.  
Channing, MI 49815

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Channing Cemetery  
Byers Rd.  
Channing, MI 49815

## Celebration of Life

OCT 28. 12:30 PM (CT)

American Legion Uren-Cooper-Johnson Post #50  
916 River Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My deepest sympathies. I have a memory of him playing the drums to WIPEOUT when I was about 15 years old LOL....sorry for your loss.*

*Mary Oman (classmate of Rick's)*

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**MARY OMAN** - November 02, 2022 at 12:28 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. I loved being Bud's nurse we laughed together everyday! I looked forward to seeing him every morning. I sure do miss him!*

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**Angie Crosslan** - October 29, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert A. Opsahl.*



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October 24, 2022 at 11:29 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the Opsahl family..From Kristen Lindholm*

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**Kristen Lindholm** - October 20, 2022 at 02:10 AM

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“ *Brenda lit a candle in memory of Robert A. Opsahl*



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**Brenda** - October 18, 2022 at 03:59 PM