



## Robert W. Polich

September 11, 1958 - December 17, 2015

Robert William Polich, 57 of Iron Mountain passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 17, 2015 while spear fishing on Chicagon Lake.

Bob was born on September 11, 1958 in Stambaugh, Michigan, son the late John and Kathryn Phillips Polich.

Bob graduated from Kingsford High School in 1976 and received a degree in Water Purification Technology from Bay De Noc Community College in 1978. Bob went on to get his certification as a Water Treatment Plant Operator that summer. In May of 1981, he graduated from Lake Superior State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology and an associate degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. In 1995, Bob received an LPN nursing degree from Bay de Noc Community College.

Bob was a man of sincere faith and strengthened his faith by attending many of the Catholic churches in the area.

An avid outdoorsman, Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, hockey and skiing. He appreciated unspoiled natural beauty. Shortly after Dickenson County acquired the Fumee Lake Natural Area, he replaced the roof on the old cabin and continued to work at the area. If Bob learned of a need in the community, he was quick to respond while not expecting anything in return. He made a difference in many peoples' lives.

Always ready for adventure, Bob's travels took him to England, Peru, Panama, Costa Rica and US southern states in addition to his favorite places: the Pacific Northwest, Western Canada and Alaska. He spent several

seasons as a commercial fisherman in Alaska and would frequently share his fishing stories with anyone willing to listen. Bob was an ardent follower of the Green Bay Packers and NASCAR races. He loved playing bocce at the city park. Although he had no children of his own, he patiently worked with his friends' children to help them acquire new skills.

Robert is survived by two sisters, Rosalyn Ebert of Ortonville, MI and Marion Janeshek of Peoria, AZ; nieces and nephews, Christopher Ebert of Dearborn, MI, Deanna (Gregory) Beatty of Livonia, MI, Carrie (Tom) Long of Scottsdale, AZ, and Randall Janeshek of Lexington, KY; great nieces and nephews, Morgan, Derek, Brandon, Jillian, Connor and Kaitlin; and numerous cousins.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brother, John (Jack) Polich in 2008.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Carmelite Monastery and the Fumee Lake Natural Area.

Memorial Service will be on Friday, June 24, 2016 11:00 AM at St. Marys Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Kingsford, MI. Fr. Michael Woempner will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Robert (Bob) Polich on line at [www.ernashfuneral-homes.com](http://www.ernashfuneral-homes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Stambaugh Cemetery**

Stambaugh, MI

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Michele Soto lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Polich



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michele soto - June 21, 2016 at 11:10 PM

MS

“ I met Bob when I started taking care of his mother. Bob would do anything for his mother. They would get together to watch nascar and the Packers. He was very helpful and I enjoyed many days working with Bob on projects. He enjoyed his weekly Bible group and spent many hours at the adoration chapel praying for everyone he knew, especially his family. Bob really touched a lot of hearts and I truly miss him. May he rest in peace. And to the family I send my condolences

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michele soto - June 21, 2016 at 11:09 PM



“ We met Bob last winter in AZ. He was vacationing with Marion and we had the pleasure of sharing his company for a few weeks. Bob was very knowledgeable on many subjects and we enjoyed our daily conversations and outings with him and Marion.

*Here's to memories of you, Bob! We will miss your companionship and friendship.*

*Lovingly,  
Gerrit and Judi*

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Gerrit Stemmer - December 27, 2015 at 01:39 PM

LR

“ Bob will be missed. He came in often at McDonalds. Always had a smile and a story to tell. Rest in peace Bob. Lori Reynolds

Lori Reynolds - December 27, 2015 at 11:52 AM

BS

“ As a child I heard many stories from my father of the fishing that took place during the late fall on Chicagon lake. I was pleased to meet Bob at church when in my forties and put a face to the stories I had heard. Bob and I talked often about fishing and I felt so privileged to be invited several years ago to the families secret place to spear fish. He had such a passion for this late fall fishing and I learned so much about it from our several trips to the lake. One year the ice was freezing on the lake so fast, that we had to break a trail to shore every ten minutes so we didn't get caught on the lake without a path. It was always an adventure with Bob. He never had a lot but was always willing to share what he had. He loved his family and we would stop and visit his mother in the nursing home to or from the trips to the lake. He would talk about his father, uncles and siblings and he always had good things to say. I will truly miss Bob and his annual calls to check out the lake. My life is so much richer having known him.

Ben Sherk - December 26, 2015 at 07:06 PM

BF

“ Bob was always a person with deep thoughts about most issues - at Thursday Bible study he would always have an "outside the box" thinking and smile when others tried to follow his logic. Caring and considerate with an over-sized heart for others - friends or animals - Bob was always there to help. Whether regaling about his Alaskan exploits or lamenting about politicians, Bob was always genuine and candid. A man of sincere faith. A Friend. We'll miss you!

Bob Forgette - December 25, 2015 at 09:50 AM

DR

*Bob was a kind man and always helpful. I enjoyed my time with him whether it was in Mickey D's or working our grill (with fish of course). He was knowledgeable; he was a friend*

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**Dennis Rahoi** - June 23, 2016 at 09:04 PM

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“*Bob was someone you could always trust. He had a positive attitude and didn't know what the word "impossible" meant. He was always willing to try something new. He loved deep discussion. He always had something going on; building, fishing, skiing, boating. There were a lot of facets to Bob's personality, a truly interesting person to be around and a good friend. I will miss him.*

*Larry Olkkonen*

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**Larry Olkkonen** - December 24, 2015 at 11:15 PM

PR

“*Miriam and I want to express our heart breaking and deepest sympathies during your time of loss from Bob fishing accident. Bob and I spent many hours talking and laughing on my front porch on "C" St., having coffee at lunch time (I was his morning break from whatever project he working on) or tea in house during the winter months for the last few years. My wife is Cuban and Bob enjoyed Cuban/Spanish cooking offend. Bob was well aware of world politics and all local going on, here in Iron Mountain. He was very technical in all sciences and understood the complexes and would be able explain in a way that was simple clarification for anyone. I never had the opportunity to fish with Bob, but we spent many weekends watching the Green Bay games (if the Chicago Bears were no not on at the same time) or I was being taught the fine points of NASCAR racing on Saturdays. I will miss Bob's out spoken way and sense of humor. We got to know each other very well and besides being a close friend he was also considered as family and a brother. We will miss you "Brother"*

*Miriam, Bear and Paul Rowell*

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**Paul Rowell** - December 24, 2015 at 01:48 PM

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“*Rose and Marion, We are so sorry to hear about Bob's unfortunate accident. We are sending our condolences to the entire family and hoping that Bob may rest in peace.*

*Teri Lynn and Faith*  
*Cape Coral*

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**Teri** - December 23, 2015 at 07:53 PM

JH

“ We met Bob when we moved into our house next to his. He willingly helped me move our belongings when my husband could not. He made us laugh daily and we miss you so much already. We'll see you when we see you, Neighbor Bob

*The Hahn's*

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**jen hahn** - December 23, 2015 at 05:17 PM

JO

“ I CONSIDER ROBERT AS A FRIEND AND A FELLOW BIBLE GROUPER SOMEONE I WILL TRULY MISS EACH MONDAY MORNING FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. HE WAS VERY KNOWLEDGABLE OF THE BIBLE AND A TRUE CHRISTEN I MISS YOU ALREADY BOB, GOD BLESS YOU./  
*JIM OLSON*

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**JAMES OLSON** - December 23, 2015 at 03:04 PM