



## Robert W. Vergowven Sr.

July 29, 1933 - December 6, 2014

Robert W. Vergowven, Sr., 81, of Iron Mountain died Sat. Dec. 6, 2014 at ManorCare Health Services in Kingsford. He was born on June 29, 1933 in Monroe, MI, the son of the late Henry and Ethel (Murphy) Vergowven.

Robert served in the US Army from 1952-1953.

He married Edith Cauffman on Feb. 14, 1953 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monroe. The couple moved to Iron Mountain in June of 2000, from the Monroe area. Edith preceded Bob in death on Feb. 20, 2012.

He worked for Dundee Cement Company for thirty-five years, retiring in 1995. He served as the union president for thirteen years and as the union steward. Bob had a strong faith and was a member of First Covenant Church. Bob loved and was dedicated to his family and the Lord. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially traveling and vacationing with them. He also enjoyed reading his Bible and serving the church.

He is survived by five children Judy (Ted) Carpenter of Felch, Kenneth (Mary) Vergowven of Maybee, MI, Vickie (Steve) Blan of Ashboro, NC, Robert (Susie) Vergowven, Jr. of Trinity, NC, and Dennis (Kelly) Vergowven of Maybee, MI, sixteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and one great great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by one sister Betty Vergowven, one brother John Vergowven. and one foster brother George A. White.

Visitation will be 9-11am on Friday at First Covenant Church. Funeral services will be at 11am Friday at the church. Rev. Peter Erickson will officiate.

Burial will be in Quinnesec Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Covenant Church of Iron Mountain MI for Bible camp scholarships. Donations in the Monroe area can be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church Chancel fund or the Salvation Army.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Quinnesec Cemetery

Menominee Street  
Quinnesec, MI 49876

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Covenant Church  
125 East H Street  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Covenant Church  
125 East H Street  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

# Tribute Wall

GO

“ Our thoughts are with you at this time, We are so sorry for your loss.  
Carol, Jackie and Gil (Chicago)

Gongala - December 12, 2014 at 01:06 PM

CW

“ I am sending my heart felt sympathy to all of you! We always looked up to him and he surely was a great man! You were all surely blessed!

Cheryl (Carsner) Weeman - December 10, 2014 at 06:21 PM

DG

“ I am so sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you, will keep you all in my prayers.  
Denise Gross -MCLS

Denise Gross - December 10, 2014 at 01:26 PM

B)

“ Brenda Boone ( Carsner ) lit a candle in memory of Robert W. Vergowven Sr.



Brenda Boone ( Carsner ) - December 10, 2014 at 09:06 AM

AM

“ You were like a grandpa to me. I am so thankful we get to spend eternity together! Give a hug to Edith for me! Praying for your family during their time of emptiness. May God fill their voids in a huge way! You are greatly missed on this earth! Thankful for the short time we have apart. Thank you for the impact you have made not only on your family but your extended "family"!! Love you!!!!

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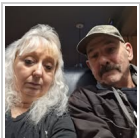
**Abby Moore** - December 10, 2014 at 08:47 AM

VI

“ Dad, You know, I believe I was both a mommy's girl, and a daddy's girl. I thank God so much that He gave you to be my dad. I always said you were the best dad in the world, and you were. I am going to miss you so much. I enjoyed our talks. I enjoyed spending these last few years on SKYPE with you. I know there is coming a day when the Lord calls me home, that I will see you and mom again. What a blessed reunion day that will be. I love you dad. Yes, I am going to miss you very much, but you are now in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and when I get there we will never have to say good bye again.

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**Vickie** - December 10, 2014 at 01:42 AM



“ I would just like to say that I love my dad with all my heart and I thank God for allowing me to be apart of his Life for 53 years .Dad I love you and I will miss you.I love calling you some and getting advice on things.But I know you are Home with Jesus and I know one day I will be going home also.And we never will have to say good bye .I thank God that you gave your live to Christ a few years ago .Praise the Lord for that.Your sone Robert W Vergowven Jr .And yes Jr and I am Proud to carry on the name..

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**Bobby Vergowven** - December 09, 2014 at 09:56 PM

CV

*I believe your dad would be very proud of your tribute to him.*

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**Carolyn Vergowven** - December 09, 2014 at 10:42 PM

MZ

*Ken and Mary, Know that your and your family are in our prayers. Rejoice over the life your father has lead, and the people he has touched. He is now with our Lord and his loving wife welcomes him with open arms. Safe driving on your journey home.  
Margo Parmenter Zieske*

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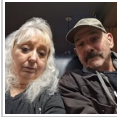
**Margo Zieske** - December 11, 2014 at 06:07 PM

MV

“ *Family of Michael Vergowven sends our deepest thoughts and prayers in your need of sorrow.*

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**Mike Vergowven** - December 09, 2014 at 05:47 PM



*Thanks Mike That means alot*

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**Bobby Vergowven** - December 10, 2014 at 05:54 PM