



## Roy Eric Nelson

July 22, 1959 - January 9, 2024

Roy Eric “Pelli” Nelson, 64, of Iron Mountain passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, in his favorite recliner.

Roy was born in Iron Mountain on July 22, 1959, to Alfred “Pelli” and Marjorie (Theisen) Nelson. He was a graduate of Iron Mountain High School, Class of ‘77, where he earned many accolades as a state championship wrestler. Following graduation, Roy worked as a millwright for a few years before moving down to Texas to work on the oil rigs. Then he traveled around the United States for a few years and met the mother of his son, Doris Brey, in Spokane, WA. Roy returned to his education, graduating magna/summa cum laude from Eastern Washington University. After returning to Michigan, Roy ran Knewright Construction for 20 years, became a BPI certified quality control inspector and analyst, and ultimately worked on weatherization for the state. He was an active and very handy member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Roy loved everything and anything to do with athletics. He loved playing, coaching and spectating. Coaching little league and watching the Packers may have been his favorites. As a master beagler, two of Roy’s mountaineer bloodlines were received in the hall of fame. He also enjoyed delving into history and politics and had a talent for woodworking.

Roy will be deeply missed by his son, Nicholas (Aiyana) Nelson; 3 daughters, Malenda (Michael) Smith, Larenda (Kyle) Schuberg, and Christina (Matt)

Argall; mother, Marge (Theisen) Nelson; siblings, Susan (Steve) Higgins, Joy (Montee) Skorich, and Carrie Jo Mellinger; nieces and nephews, Hillary (Doug) Naeve, Hunter Higgins, Adam (Amy) Nelson, Ashley Nelson, Blake Skorich, Cory (Britney) Mellinger; sister-in-law, Robyn Nelson; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred P. Nelson; brothers, Nicholas W. Nelson and Ricky A. Nelson; and nephew, Rory "Surf" Mellinger.

Visitation will be at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1210 S. Stephenson Ave., from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, with Rev. Bryan Laurila officiating the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Norway Township Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nicholas Nelson, Eddy Theisen, John Sailor, Brian LaVigne, Torvin Theisen and Cory Mellinger.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Roy Eric Nelson online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

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

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
1210 S. Stephenson Ave.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *The time I ran into Roy and Stella in Tucson AZ was crazy! Right place, right time.....LoL*


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**Randy Shivy** - February 02, 2024 at 03:11 PM

SH

“ *So sorry to hear about Roy passing. He was loved by many, and I was one of the people who called Roy a friend. He won't be forgotten by those he knew and will be remembered fondly. RIP Roy. I wish i could have been at the visitation. Steve H*

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**Steve Harris** - January 17, 2024 at 12:23 PM

WF

*Just saw this today, am so sorry for family and friends, great guy,fellow Northsider, my heart hurts *

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**Willie Fontana** - January 18, 2024 at 12:45 PM

RS

*Was thinking about Pelli the other day and was going to try and look him up. Always loved his sense of humor. I miss him already. RIP Roy. Randy Shivy*

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**Randy Shivy** - February 02, 2024 at 03:09 PM