



## Wesley J. Fontecchio

June 11, 1936 - December 21, 2021

Wesley J. Fontecchio, 85, of Breitung Twp., passed away on December 21, 2021, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Kingsford.

Wesley was born on June 11, 1936, in Iron Mountain, the son of the late John and Clare (Richards) Fontecchio. He was a lifelong resident of this area and attended Kingsford Schools. Wes was a talented builder, welder, fabricator, and inventor. It was common knowledge you could bring anything to Wes, and he could fix it, car, semi truck, airplane, or household appliance. His inventions included Snowgrip, a metal roof coating, Cream Tote, Super-Grate and many others. In addition, Wes owned and operated Wes's Alignment Center. Wes was a pilot and built a couple airplanes in his home. He was also a longtime member of the EAA in Oshkosh. Wes enjoyed putting together model airplanes, doing woodburning projects and building small electric cars. His days usually started at Maple Creek restaurant having breakfast with Mark Blomquist his business partner. Before that he was a lifelong member of the Big Boy coffee group. Wes loved visiting his friends at Family Ties, riding around in his red convertible "Lil' Bit," watching WWE wrestling, attending the yearly family trips to the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells and spending time with his dog, Shelby.

Wes is survived by his children, Jeff Fontecchio of Iron Mountain, Scott (Cindy Schnarre) Fontecchio of Incline Village, NV and Sandra (Dave Sleik)

Fontecchio of Iron Mountain; grandsons, Parker Fontecchio and Cully Lantz; brother, Don (Ann) Fontecchio of Fond du Lac, WI; sister, Jean (Mel) Kallenbach of Niagara, WI; many nieces and nephews; his beloved pet, Shelby; his care workers, Paula Vretenar and Tara Marshall; and his family at Family Ties.

He was preceded in death by his ex-wife, Mary Fontecchio.

Visitation will be from 10:00am until 12:00 noon on Monday, Jan. 10th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain. Fr. Mark McQuesten is officiating. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 noon on Jan. 10th. Burial will be in the Felch Cemetery.

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

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

# Cemetery Details

## Felch Cemetery

Felch, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
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## Memorial Service

JAN 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Wesley J. Fontecchio.



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January 07, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden* was purchased for the family of Wesley J. Fontecchio.



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January 06, 2022 at 11:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Wesley J. Fontecchio.



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January 05, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Wesley J. Fontecchio.



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December 30, 2021 at 09:28 PM

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“ *Sandy and Family... please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your Father... May He Rest In Peace... God Bless...*  
*Jerry & Teresa Bollard*



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**jerry bollard** - December 27, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Wesley is my brother and we did a lot of things together all our lives. One thing about Wes he would always help anyone do anything and never look to be paid back. Wes would do things none of us or I would do ever like climb the outside of an old broken down fire tower on Milli hill, climb up to the top of a tree to pick the larger pine cones, build and fly/crash his home made helicopter, weld cracked airplane aluminum gas tanks, just to share a few of the wild things he would do. When it came to doing normal things like golf/fish/hunt/travel he rather watch paint dry. He always wanted to make something better, he invented a cast iron hollow insert with a blower for your fireplace. The fireplace inserts of the day primarily gave heat from the flames so Wes made his insert lay in the heated colds that were much hotter. Many of the older metal roofs on large stores didn't have any ice retaining pods and people were being injured by ice crashing down in the Spring of the year. Wes spent years perfecting and patenting a paint solution with gripping material to hold the ice in place and melt away in the sun. One of his last inventions was a short step ladder that was safer to stand on by having a wider step. Wes was a doer and had some medical issues that slowed him down or who knows what ALL he may have accomplished. God Bess him and his family. Respectively his brother Don*

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**Don Fontecchio** - December 26, 2021 at 02:04 PM