



William Gordon "Bill" Ellis

February 25, 1953 - October 20, 2016

William Gordon "Bill" Ellis, 63, son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend, died on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at his home in Quinnesec. He was born on Feb. 25, 1953 in Iron Mountain.

Bill graduated from Kingsford High School. He was a millwright for many places, most recently for Cliffs Natural Resources, where he retired from in 2014.

Bill was the most generous man with his time and love. He was always the guy that helped others without hesitation. With just a phone call, Bill would stop what he was doing and go help his friends and family in need. He was a "Jack of all trades" and his knowledge and skills in home repairs benefitted many. He was always willing to make and share his famous pierogies, even though making them was a long process.

Bill's unconditional love for his family, friends, and neighbors was overwhelming. He always greeted you with a hug and a huge "Heeeey" and left you with a hug (even if he was in his boxers)!

His greatest love was for his wife, Kathy Kuehn Ellis, whom he married on May 20, 1977 in Iron Mountain. Bill and Kathy enjoyed many things together throughout their thirty-nine years of marriage. In the beginning, they loved

going to concerts and having block parties with all the neighborhood families. They enjoyed their favorite vacation destination, Jamaica, which seemed to live within them. In their most recent retirement years, Bill and Kathy loved spending their mornings with coffee, walking their dogs, gardening, nature, and spending quality time together.

Bill was a devoted father and grandfather. He always provided guidance, passed no judgment, supported, and showed family what unconditional love really meant. He was so proud of his two sons Bob and Brian, and the men they became. He especially loved becoming a grandparent and was his grandchildren's biggest supporter. He truly was an inspiration.

Bill is survived by his mother, Patricia Ellis of Kingsford, his wife Kathy Ellis of Quinnesec, two sons Robert "Bob" (Julie) Ellis of Midland and Brian (Sue) Ellis of Iron Mountain, three grandchildren Brittany Brooks of Lake Ann, MI, Tanner (Bryce) Chouinard of Eglin A.F.B., and Shannon Chouinard of Iron Mountain, two brothers Jeff (Jane) Ellis of Iron Mountain, and Perry (Cheryl) Ellis of Kingsford, two sisters Kathy Peterson of Iron Mountain and Cindy Grailer of Haw River, NC, one sister-in-law Karen Kuehn Puestow of Milwaukee, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Gordon Ellis on August 7, 2016, his mother and father-in-law Clara Heller and William Kuehn, six brothers-in-law Robert "Bob" Peterson, Daniel Grailer, Terrance "Butch" Burby, Keith Kuehn, Duane Kuehn, and Steven Kuehn, and a sister-in-law Karla Ellis.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held today, October 22, 2016 beginning at 2pm at the home of his son and daughter-in-law Brian and Sue Ellis at 601 East Grant Street Iron Mountain.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Federation for

Suicide Prevention.

Condolences to the family of William "Bill" Ellis may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brian and Sue Ellis' Home
601 E. Grant Street
Iron Mountain, MI

Tribute Wall



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Will always have you in my heart and will miss u forever Billy Bob u were and always will be the BEST BROTHER IN LAW ANY ONE COULD EVER HAVETHANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR ME

Karen Puestow - October 21, 2017 at 12:13 PM

BR

“ *As a former neighbor, I am greatly saddened by Bill's death! He was always such a warm, friendly, helpful, down-to-earth guy. Recently I ran into him locally with only a quick warm greeting between us; how I wish I would have had better with him! My heart so goes out to all you family! It seems that nothing that transcend the terrible pain of such a loss of so loved a person, but I do know & have experienced the Comfort that only God Himself can give in moving forward in a positive direction over time. May His blessings overtake you in an experiential way to know yourselves!*
Becky (LaCourt) Robert

Becky (LaCourt) Robert - October 24, 2016 at 08:48 PM

LD

“ *Liberty Mutual Premium Audit Department purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Gordon "Bill" Ellis.*



Liberty Mutual Premium Audit Department - October 24, 2016 at 08:50 AM

JS

“ Bill was not only a neighbor but a friend . he always took time to chat . his first words each time were . "Jim did you know " if I didn't I was about to . Bill did his research and kept me up on events . DAMN I am going to miss Him .

Jim Strutz

Jim Strutz - October 23, 2016 at 09:36 AM

 Derek Puestow


“ Not how did he die, but how did he live?
Not what did he gain, but what did he give?
These are the units to measure the worth
of a man as a man, regardless of birth.



*Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed?
But had he befriended those really in need?
Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,
to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?*

*Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,
but how many were sorry when he passed away*

Derek Puestow - October 22, 2016 at 12:21 PM

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I love you and will miss you Uncle Bill. Such a beautiful loving man. 😭

Derek Puestow - October 22, 2016 at 12:23 PM

DP

Bill was my brother in law a lifetime ago but I will always remember him for his kindness and his love for Kathy.

Deb (Draper) Park - October 24, 2016 at 05:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Gordon "Bill" Ellis.*



October 22, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *I started third grade at Garden Village with Bill and Jeff and we were together through graduation. The Ellis brothers and sisters have always remained the nicest, kindest people and I am so saddened at the loss of Bill. Please know the thoughts and prayers of so many people, especially the Class of '72, are with you at this time.*

Joy Carlson - October 22, 2016 at 07:15 AM



“ *I knew Bill since we were kids. One of the nicest persons I know. Sorry.*

Violet (duff) bongi - October 22, 2016 at 01:19 AM



“ *ILLEY and BERNU together again*

kathy peterson - October 21, 2016 at 10:27 PM



“ *Mark lit a candle in memory of William Gordon "Bill" Ellis*



mark - October 21, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Gordon "Bill" Ellis.*



October 21, 2016 at 04:36 PM



“ *Kathy, Bob, Brian, Pat, Kathy, Jeff, Cindy, Perry and families. I am so very sorry to hear of Bills passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless you all. Jim & Jan*

jim peterson - October 21, 2016 at 03:30 PM



Thankyou, my family!

kathy peterson - October 21, 2016 at 10:29 PM