



## William Lee Kelley

April 22, 1948 - October 19, 2021

William Lee Kelley of Crystal Falls passed away peacefully at home on October 19, 2021, surrounded by his family and cherished pets.

Bill was born April 22, 1948, in Madison, WI, the adopted son of the late Kenneth and Jeanette Kelley. He grew up in Reedsburg, WI where he was baptized into the Methodist faith. Bill graduated from high school on June 1, 1967. He was drafted and served in the army from 1968 to 1969. Bill became a fireman in the Carol Stream Fire Department and retired after 26 years of dedicated service.

In the 60's and early 70's Bill was a member of the rodeo. He went on to become an avid hunter, fisherman, and an overall sportsman. He enjoyed elk hunting in Colorado and deer hunting in several states, as well as other outdoor activities. He also loved to observe and study the wildlife around him. He was known as having a special eye when it came to capturing nature. His love of the outdoors led him to Iron Mountain, MI.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Mary (Caulfield) Kelley; his sister, Sue (Marcus) Danford of Deming, NM; and various aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Bill was fortunate enough to have shared his life with special friends Ken (Leah) Schuette, Joe and Jessica Bottesi, Randy and Lou Ann Duval, VJ Constantineau, and many others.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Jeanette Kelley, his grandparents (Conklin and Kelley), and several other aunts and uncles.

Private services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hardcore Scripture Outdoors at <http://www.scriptureoutdoors.com>

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

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