



William "Bill" Opolka

May 12, 1942 - May 3, 2021

William "Bill" Opolka, 78, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

Bill was born May 12th, 1942 in Norway, MI, son of the late Frank and Bella (Farragh) Opolka. He graduated from Vulcan High School in 1960 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Bill married Marion Arcand on August 31st, 1963 in Loretto, MI. He was employed at K & G Appliance for several years where he delivered LP gas and serviced appliances. Bill then took a position at Hot Flame Gas Company, retiring in 2003 after 23 years of delivering LP gas to customers from Iron Mountain to Republic. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Bill was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, going to camp and riding ATV's. He loved attending his grandsons' sporting events and playing cards on Friday night with his family.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Marion; a son, Steve "Beaver" (Sharon) Opolka of Iron Mountain; twin daughters, Jodi (Paul) Maycunich of Kingsford and Jean (Chris) Hale of Kaukauna, WI; two grandsons, Matthew & Nicholas Opolka; a brother, Frank (Barbara) Opolka; a brother-in-law, Joseph Geldmeyer; nieces, Cindy (Frank) Ortiz, Susan (Bill) Brazeau and nephew, Scott (Carrie) Geldmeyer.

He was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Jeanne Geldmeyer.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 7th from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. A Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 A.M. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Fr. Janusz Romanek will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Iron Mountain Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bill Opolka online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.

Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home

Funeral Mass

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Our sympathy to the Opolka Family. Bill was a great guy, always so friendly.. Jack and Pat. Richtig*



patrichtig - May 08, 2021 at 07:19 PM

SP

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Bill's family he was a great guy. May he Rest In Peace.* 🙏🙏🙏



Susan Piatti - May 07, 2021 at 11:51 AM

PK

“ *Bill was a good man. Frank, Steve and Family our condolences. Peace be with him. Pat and Bobbie Klocke*

Patrick Klocke - May 07, 2021 at 07:38 AM

MH

“ *So sorry for your loss. He was such a nice man.*

Mary Hofer - May 06, 2021 at 05:57 PM

BK

“ Opolka Family:

I got to know Bill during the three years we worked in the same family of firms - he at K&G Appliance and me at Klungness Electronics. We were both young fellows at the time! Despite the decades and the distances since, Bill was someone I would fondly remember just because he was like the older brother who would take time to chat with me about anything we happened to think was worthy of comment. I was always fascinated by his delivery truck that was fueled by propane - and to this day wonder why that concept is not more universal than it is. Please know Bill made a positive and caring mark on me and I'm sure many others. He was a really nice person. May he rest in peace. God Bless.

*Bill Kauper
Carefree, AZ / Spread Eagle, WI*

Bill Kauper - May 06, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Opolka.



May 06, 2021 at 10:46 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Opolka.



May 06, 2021 at 08:08 AM

LW

“ *LaNaeh Wallander lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Opolka*



LaNaeh Wallander - May 06, 2021 at 07:46 AM

KC

“ *My condolences to the whole Opolka family. While I didn't know Bill, my mother, Noreen worked with Marion for many years. May memories of him bring you comfort during this difficult time ❤️. Kris (Gussert) Czerwan*

Kris (Gussert) Czerwan - May 05, 2021 at 04:11 PM