



## William John Ozzello Sr.

June 21, 1932 - September 12, 2020

William “Bill” John Ozzello Sr., 88, of Iron Mountain passed away Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Meadowbrook in Oconto Falls, WI.

He was born June 21, 1932, in Iron Mountain, son of the late Peter and Dorothy (Cowling) Ozzello. He attended Iron Mountain High School and served his country during the Korean War as a U.S. Marine. He was a life-long resident of Iron Mountain and worked for the Kingsford Chemical Co., was a millwright and joined A.C. Hoyle Co., working there for 21 years. During retirement he drove for Zeeb Trucking. Bill was a post commander and a 50-year member of the American Legion Post 50. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shriners and the Jesters. You would frequently see him in the parade as “Goofy.” Bill loved nothing better than spending time at Pottsville or the Bird’s Nest, hunting and fishing with his best buddies.

Bill is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marlene; his children, Cheryl (James) Christ of Spring Grove, IL, William J. Ozzello Jr. of Winthrop Harbor, IL, and Donna (Jon) Mott of Stevens Point, WI; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Ben) Redding, Joshua (Bridget) Christ, Jerod (Vanessa) Mott, Jaclyn (David) Johnson; Kallie (Bruce) Kuhr, and Lindsey Mott; thirteen great-grandchildren; a brother, Daune Ozzello; brothers-in-law, Wayne DeMeuse and Frank (Candy) DeMeuse; and sister-in-law, Charlene Cerasoli.

Along with his parents, Bill was preceded in death by an infant daughter.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Friday, September 18, 2020. Visitation will be 9:30 am - 11:00 at First United Methodist Church in Iron Mountain with services to follow at 11:00 at the church. Pastor Walter Reichle will officiate.

Due to Covid restrictions, masks and social distancing will be required in the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Children's Hospital at <https://lovetotherescue.org> or the First United Methodist Church of Iron Mountain.

Condolences to the family of William "Bill" John Ozzello Sr. may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
106 Fourth St.  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

## Celebration of Life

SEP **18.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ *Such fond memories of Billy while growing up next door. My heart goes out to all of you as your paths take a different turn, one without Billy. Praying for all of you: Marlene, Cheryl, Billy, and Donna Lynn. Love you guys. Donna (Rowell) Pemberton*

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**Donna Pemberton** - September 17, 2020 at 06:51 AM

MA

“ *To the family of Bill, posting on behalf of my mother Arlene Oman. She was sad to hear of Bill's passing and asked me to extend her sincerest sympathies to the entire family. Her Thoughts and prayers go out to you. Sincerely, Arlene Oman ( friend and acquaintance of The Ozello's and Sister of Dave Zeeb) 💜*

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**Mary For Arlene** - September 16, 2020 at 10:53 PM

RT

“ *Just a wonderful man.  
I remember my Mom and Dad, Evelyn and Ernie Thunell, laughing so hard when around Bill and Marlene. Bill could make a simple task of making dinner an enjoyable task.  
Bill just made people enjoy life.  
What a blessing, he will be missed.*

*Roger & Cherie Thunell*

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**Roger Thunell** - September 16, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William John Ozzello Sr..*



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September 16, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ *I was a bit too young to remember, but my brother remembered how Mr Ozeello stopped my dad from throwing away my trike bike when dad was trying to clean out the garage or something.*

*I suppose I was crying and Mr Ozeello couldn't let it happen*

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**Sean Kane** - September 16, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *I worked with Bill at A C. Hoyle Co. I remember him fondly. He was such a nice, kind gentleman. Funny and warm-hearted and always helping others. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

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**Laura Noordhoff Ambriz** - September 16, 2020 at 05:10 AM

JM

“ Bill's mother is my Great Auntie Dot (Dorothy, R.I.L.) so I know where his sense of humour comes from. Being about 16 years younger than Bill, I was about 8 or so when I can remember meeting him. Guess he was married by then to Marlene and a Marine vet. Besides his humour, Bill was tall, personable, and as handsome as Marlene was beautiful. And I was enthralled by the young couple. My mother, Evelyn and Bill were 1st cousins who always made family times an extra fun event. Ev misses him dearly and at 92, talks of the days back when ..... When I was 27, my wife and I hauled off to Oregon and only saw Bill on return visits, if our busy lives let it happen. Eventually we ended up living on Maui in 1982 and Bill and Marlene were not far behind in visiting us at our home. He always kept track of where we lived (thru my Mom of course). On our visits to Q after my retiring in '09, we made sure to see B & M, even surprising them once at their home on the Nort side. Actually we were the ones surprised as Bill had gone out or up to camp or something like that. Now Bill is at the Big Camp beyond the shiny Big Sea waters.... and just being his old Self surrounded by Love and Joy. Hoping you find Comfort in these words, Marlene. And do remember this -  
Love Lives On :) Warmest Aloha, Bill.  
Loving Hugs,  
Jon and Bea (Betty) Mann

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Jon and Bea Mann - September 16, 2020 at 04:44 AM

MF

“ M&S Engineering Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William John Ozzello Sr..



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**M&S Engineering Family** - September 15, 2020 at 03:10 PM

OW

“ Saddened to hear that Bill left his earthly home, but know he is now in his heavenly home and Jesus has opened the door wide to let this good guy in. always remembered Bill from days at Amidon School and later in IMHS and when he and Marlene came to our Class of 52 reunions. Also recall the 4th of July Parade when he drove the Red Hat Gals on the Zeeb trailer decorated with red and purple etc. It was a fun day and he helped add to the fun. My sincere sympathy to you Marlene and your family. May God's love for hyou bring comfort at this difficult time. Keep the happy memories. Keeping you in prayer.  
Orice Walters



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**Orice Walters** - September 14, 2020 at 10:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John Ozzello Sr..



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September 14, 2020 at 10:09 PM

SK

“ Mr Ozello loved to fish. Years ago - some 40-odd years, now - when I was maybe eight years old and Mr. Ozello worked with my dad, my dad was on a trip for their business during smelting season. Dad was not going to get home until it was too late to pick me up and take me smelting. So Mr. Ozello picked me up instead and Dad met us at the river later so that I didn't have to miss out. One other spring he showed me how to cover myself with a canvas sheet so you could see through the hole in the ice into the lake below and jig for salmon.

*Rest in Peace, Mr. Ozello. And Thank You.*

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**Steve Kane** - September 14, 2020 at 09:59 PM

SK

*Great family friend*

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**Sean Kane** - September 16, 2020 at 01:38 PM

KL

“ *My sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the Ozzello family..*

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**Kristen Lindholm** - September 14, 2020 at 08:11 PM