



Zeke Bouche

February 28, 1953 - October 12, 2024

Zeke Bouche, 71, of Iron Mountain, MI, passed away Saturday, October 12, 2024, at his home.

Zeke was born on February 28, 1953, in Iron Mountain, MI, the son of the late Neil and Ruth (Maynard) Bouche. He graduated from Iron Mountain, Class of 1971, before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corp where he served his country for four years. He married Cheryl Payne on June 13, 1992, at the Christ United Methodist Church in Crystal Falls. He was employed in the environmental services department at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Hospital in Iron Mountain for 30 years, retiring in 2008. A lifelong resident of the area, Zeke was a member of the Tufts-Rondon VFW Post 2891 in Crystal Falls and the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 in Iron Mountain, where he enjoyed playing Bingo. He also enjoyed attending the farmers' market and spending time at camp. Zeke loved socializing as he was a genuine people person with a great sense of humor.

Zeke is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his 3 sons, James Bouche of Iron Mountain, Mike Bouche of Marquette and Jeremy Bouche of Skandia; 4 grandchildren, Mikie (Carol), Kyla, Sophie and her brother Hank; his in-laws, Harold (Dawn) Payne, Doug (Sue) Payne, Ronnie (Amy) Payne, JoLynn Perry and Erin (Shannon) Reinke; and nieces and nephews, Erica Payne (Mike Mering) , Kim (Brian) Nurmi, Anja and Henry, Monica (Robert) Fabbri, Leo,

Bryant (Alison) Wheeler, Emmett, Elaina Perry, Brian (Emily) Perry, Nolan, Julia (Mike) Courchaine, Adelaid and Anders, Grace (Max), Lily (Cody) and Caleb Reinke, Kim Zebrowski, Carson, Cathi Panfil, Jessica Payne, Brody, Jennifer Malloy-Howell, and Joseph. Special friends John and Kathy Wahoviak, Ray Bryant, Gene Peterson and Holly and Dave Gould.

He was preceded in death by his in-laws, Ed "Timer" and Jo Payne; brother-in-law, Tom Perry; and nephew, Austin Reinke.

A Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Nov. 2nd at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park. Pastor Steve Rhoades will officiate, and the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50 will conduct military honors.

A Celebration of life immediately following Graveside Service at Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post #50, 916 River Avenue, Iron Mountain, MI.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the U.P. Honor Flight, 7542 J Road, Gladstone, MI 49837.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Zeke Bouche online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM.

Iron Mountain Cemetery Park

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Cheryl,
I was shocked when I heard for Zekes passing. He was a friend of the whole family. Next time I get home I would love to get together. You have my deepest sympathy.

Linda Ovist - October 28, 2024 at 03:21 PM



*Thank you Linda
Let me know when you are in Iron Mountain*

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:47 AM

MK

“ *My condolences Cheryl. Zeke was a great man and contributed so much to our community Mark Kadowaki*

Mark Kadowaki - October 26, 2024 at 12:36 PM



Thank you, Zeke will be missed.

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:49 AM

PJ

“ *Dear Cheryl I am so sorry for the loss of your dear husband. In my prayers. Paula Johnson*

Paula Johnson - October 24, 2024 at 10:22 PM



Thank you Paula

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DB

“ Cheryl, I am deep sorry for your great loss! My deepest sympathies to you & your family.

Dot Bair - October 19, 2024 at 12:50 PM



Thank you, Zeke will be missed.

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:50 AM

SP

“ Cheryl and family. So sorry for your loss of Zeke. May God bless and comfort you through this difficult time.

Stephen J Pancheri - October 19, 2024 at 11:04 AM



Thank you, zeke will be missed.

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:52 AM

MJ

“ Cheryl; so very sorry to hear of Zeke's passing. I have many fond memories of Zeke during my time working at the Iron Mountain VA. Prayers for you & your family. 🙏 Marie (Bambakakis) James

Marie James - October 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM



Thank you Marie, Zeke will be missed by many. I enjoyed talking at the celebration. Hope to see you soon.

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MA

“ Dear Cheryl, So sorry to hear of the passing of Zeke. Sending prayers to you and the entire family at this difficult time. Mary Oman (former coworker of Cheryl)

MARY - October 17, 2024 at 03:25 PM



Thank you Mary

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:55 AM

MT

“ Mary Jo Trepanier lit a candle in memory of Zeke Bouche



Mary Jo Trepanier - October 16, 2024 at 08:21 AM

BB

“ So sorry Cheryl for your loss. Zeke was a great friend and co worker. He will be missed . □

Brian and Violet Bongji - October 16, 2024 at 06:48 AM



Thank you Brian and Violet
Zeke will be missed.

Cheryl Bouche - November 06, 2024 at 11:58 AM

MM

“ Cheryl: I am so very sorry for your loss. Zeke was such a wonderful person. He was such a great worker. Hugs to all of you.

Maryanne and Mike - October 15, 2024 at 08:55 PM