

## **Eugene R. "Bob" Mechelke**

Funeral Mass: 11am Tuesday November 10, 2020  
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church-Gilman  
Visitation: 4 - 8pm on Monday - Gilman Funeral Home  
and one hour prior to mass Tuesday at the church



**Eugene R. "Bob" Mechelke**, 70, of Gilman, passed away at his home on Thursday, November 6, 2020. He was born on July 4, 1950 in Ladysmith to the late August and Luella (Potter) Mechelke. Bob grew up in the area and was raised by his father and step mother-Della. Bob graduated from Flambeau High School then he went on to the Taylor County Teachers College in Medford where he met the love of his life-Karen Duffy. The couple were united in marriage on June 17th, 1972 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church-Gilman. Bob lived his own life that centered around his family, friends, and colleagues. To say he wanted to be the center of attention would be an understatement. He loved meeting people, making people laugh and was incredibly active in the Gilman community. He held many positions within the Gilman School District where he taught for over 30 years. He was named WI Outstanding Educator for Title I, Educator of the Year and Walmart 's Teacher of the Year. In typical fashion Bob left this world in Karen's embrace and on his own terms. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen, his children, Nicolle Mechelke of St. Paul, Nohal (Amanda) Mechelke of Elk River, MN and Nicholas Mechelke of Schofield, two grandchildren, Peyton and Hudson, his mom, Della Mechelke and his remaining siblings.

A funeral mass will be held at 11am on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church-Gilman with Father Vijay Kumar officiating.

Burial will follow in the Meadowbrook Catholic Cemetery.

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