



## Roy James Steinke

November 19, 1947 - December 3, 2019

Roy James Steinke, 72, of Kingsford died unexpectedly Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at DCHS.

Roy was born on November 19, 1947, in Iron Mountain, the youngest of three children, to the late Dr. Charles G. and Lorraine V. (LeRoy) Steinke. Roy attended the Breitung Township Schools and graduated from Kingsford High School in 1966. He learned to play the piano, clarinet, guitar and banjo. He played golf and tennis at Kingsford and won the U.P. Singles Championship his senior year. The summer of 1966 he worked for Kimberly Clark surveying timber holdings in the U.P. Roy attended Northern Michigan University studying geography, soils and forestry. He lettered in tennis for the Wildcats his freshman year. From 1968-1969 he worked for North Central Airlines at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, Illinois as a baggage handler. In the summer of 1969, he was drafted into the army and completed basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He served thirteen and a half months in Vietnam with the 1st Battalion 321st Artillery of the 101st Airborne. In November of 1970 he returned home from service and reentered Northern Michigan University to begin a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Education.

Roy was married to Jane Osterberg, on August 5th, 1972 at American Martyrs Church in Kingsford. Together they raised two sons and shared a love of nature and education.

Roy graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1974 and taught woodworking, drafting, welding and small engines at the Goodman-Armstrong Creek Schools for 30 years. He retired from education, but continued to work for Tadych's Econo Foods in Iron Mountain as a stocker, bagger and delivery man.

Roy was raised in the Methodist Church, and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and lived to be at camp. He raised Labrador retrievers, was a prolific gardener and loved to can and cook. He was a cat "whisperer" to Glock and Marl. Roy was well loved and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, co-workers, and former students.

Roy is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane; his sons, Roy Steinke, Jr. and Jared M. Steinke; his grandchildren, Jared "Mikey," Serenity "Sissy," and Gabriel James Steinke; a sister, Ann Fondow of Merrill, Wisconsin; a sister-in-law, Patricia Steinke of Granbury, Texas; a brother-in-law, Larry (Chris) Osterberg of Grand Rapids, Michigan; one niece and several nephews.

In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by a brother, Charles G. Steinke, Jr.; a brother-in-law, David Osterberg; and in-laws, Franklin and Thelma Osterberg.

Visitation will be on Thursday, September 3, 2020 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain with the funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. at the Funeral Home. Pastor Walter Reichle will officiate the service. Graveside services will be held at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain, MI.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Roy J. Steinke online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Cemetery

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## Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave

Iron Mountain, MI, 49801

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain, MI, US, 49801

**SEP** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
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# Comments

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“ Dearest Mrs. Steinke, One never appreciates at a young age the priceless things in front of them. You and Mr. Steinke were a very big impact in my life as I went through the GAHS years. I will always cherish running into the two of you at Econo Foods as time went on. The conversations were great and still inspiring. Hoping that peace and love continue to flow your way as you heal from your loss and the Grace of God remains to protect you and yours. Much love to you and your family today especially.  
Annette (Janczewski) Peterson



Annette M Peterson - September 03, 2020 at 08:11 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jane Steinke - August 14, 2020 at 05:59 PM

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“ My deepest condolences. I never knew Roy Sr., but from what Roy has told me about him, he was a fascinating man. I have no doubt he will be missed by all who knew him.

Noah and Janyce - December 14, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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Vince Edlebeck - December 12, 2019 at 06:23 PM

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“ Jane, Roy Jr, Jared:

I am sorry for your loss. Roy Sr was a good and talented man. I think of you often when I look at the clock he made for me for Jared's confirmation. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Jim Rietveld - December 11, 2019 at 03:56 PM

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“ Dear Jane and family:

It was very sad to learn of Roy's passing. My condolences to all of you. May the Holy Spirit give you comfort at this most difficult time and fill the void with so many memories of great times you all had. For me there were so many memories of our years at GHS. Take care of each other. God bless you.

Fraser Kranz - December 10, 2019 at 08:08 PM

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“ Dear Jane,

I am so sorry for your loss, he meant so much to me, I wish I could of told him how. Much he impacted my life. You and Roy are such good, loving, people,. Xxxxx hugs to you and your family.

Beth cole - December 10, 2019 at 09:13 AM

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“ Condolences and prayers to the Steinke family. The world lost a great man who touched the lives of many. Mr. Steinke will be missed but will live on through those he mentored throughout the years.

**Steve Crowley** - December 10, 2019 at 06:13 AM

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“ I always enjoyed the times in the woods hunting and fishing with Roy. We weren't always successful but we sure had a good time. He was a great companion.

Jack Gostisha

**Jack Gostisha** - December 09, 2019 at 10:40 PM

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“ Dear Jane,  
We are sorry for the loss of your husband. Prayers to you and your family.  
KathySue and Larry Bourdeau (KHS Class of 1970).



**Larry** - December 09, 2019 at 07:31 PM

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“ Rest in my friend I always enjoyed my visits with you at Econo Jared always spooked so highly of you Douglas gordon

**Eva Gordon** - December 09, 2019 at 06:51 PM

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“ Phillip Steger lit a candle in memory of Roy James Steinke



Phillip Steger - December 09, 2019 at 04:16 PM

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“ Condolences to the Steinke family. I was in some of Roy's first shop classes at GHS. As a teenager, I didn't appreciate what I was learning at the time. Teenagers rarely do. Over the years, the lessons and memories come back to you as you are sanding, cutting, planing or finishing. Thanks Roy. You got me through a lot of projects over the years.

Jeff Laurich - December 09, 2019 at 03:57 PM

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“ Janie, so sorry to hear of Roys passing. He and I went back a long way. We started hanging out in the late 50's and continued thru the mid 60's while we were growing up in Ford Addition. I used to help him with his IM News paper route and even took over delivery when he would go on family vacations. We used to love it when his older brother, Chuck, would take us for a ride in his "61" Corvair Monza. We thought we were so cool. I lost touch through the years but managed to hear that he was teaching in Wisconsin and that you two had tied the knot. The fact that I also had gotten to know you in the late 60's I thought you two were a great match and judging from your time together I was right. I would see Roy at Econo on my occasional family visits to Kingsford and we always had a few minutes to reminisce about the old days. I know there's a huge hole in your life right now but I'm sure the love of your family and friends will see you through. Take care and God Bless. Jeff Franson

Jeff Franson - December 09, 2019 at 03:42 PM

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“ Prayers and condolences to you and your family. Mr. Steinke was one of the best teachers at GHS and he will surely be missed by all.



**Tim Hawley** - December 09, 2019 at 12:21 PM

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“ Helcia Brehmer lit a candle in memory of Roy James Steinke



**Helcia Brehmer** - December 09, 2019 at 11:34 AM

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“ Jackie Church lit a candle in memory of Roy James Steinke



**Jackie church** - December 09, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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“ Sue Swanson lit a candle in memory of Roy James Steinke



**Sue Swanson** - December 09, 2019 at 08:43 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Steinke,  
I am so sorry to hear that Roy passed away. Your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You both were such great coworkers at GACHS. I really cherish the time and memories of working with Roy and you.  
Sympathies and love,  
Laura Struve

**laura struve** - December 09, 2019 at 08:29 AM

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“ Dear Mrs Steinke... I was shocked to hear about Mr Steinke's passing. He was such an amazing teacher and just a very nice man. Seeing him at Econo was always a pleasure. It was always so nice to his smile from ear to ear .. he will be truly missed ... prayers to you and your family

**Valerie (Schjoth) Burby** - December 09, 2019 at 06:29 AM



“ To the Steinke Family  
I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband and father, I worked with Roy for 10 years, we always had a laugh together, he will be missed, God bless the Steinke family.

**Phillip Steger** - December 09, 2019 at 08:28 AM

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“ Dear Steinke's Family

Roy is great hard work some he is fun too and I miss Roy soo much he was help me made wood box storage and made wood guns any more I want said bye to Roy let go heaven free no more pain when I go heaven see my wife and see you too we praying for Steinke's Family



Aaron Dolatowski - December 08, 2019 at 11:52 PM

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“ Dear Steinke Family,

My sincere heartfelt condolences to you all during this difficult time. Hearing the news about Roys passing came as such a shock. I have very fond memories of being in his shop classes. A lot of things I learned from him I have applied in my life and I am great full to have known him. He will be sadly missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Gary Kranz

Gary Kranz - December 08, 2019 at 07:57 PM

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Dear Mrs. Steinke,

Please know that both you and Mr. Steinke were some of the most amazing teachers anyone could ask for. I hold so many memories from your art class and his wood shop. Both of you taught me so much more than how to make art or something out of wood, although all of those skills have come in handy. I'm struggling to find the words to express how much both of you meant to me, but especially him. He always had a warm and welcoming demeanor and could keep his patience with the best of them. I'm so sorry for your loss. He passed away of my 40th birthday followed 2 days later by the passing of my mother in law. I don't know that a year will pass when I won't think back on the past week with sadness in my heart for losing two wonderful people so close to one another. Hugs to you.

Sincerely,

Jen (Danielczak) Raymond



Jennifer Raymond - December 08, 2019 at 06:48 PM