



Edward Lee Wahoviak

November 14, 1962 - April 19, 2021

Edward Lee Wahoviak, 58, of Hartford, WI, passed away Monday, April 19, 2021, at his home.

Ed was born November 14, 1962, in Iron Mountain, MI, the son of Mary Ann (Givogre) Wahoviak and the late Robert A. Wahoviak. After graduating from Iron Mountain High School in 1980, he served in the U.S. Army and then earned his Diesel Mechanic Certificate at MATC.

Ed was also known as “Farmer Grandpa” by his grandson, RJ Schoepke, because of his love for animals. RJ also called him the “cat whisperer” because of all the feral cats Ed would trap, neuter, love and care for. Nightly he had a “cat buffet” on his front porch to make sure these cats were very well fed and taken care of, including providing shelter. He is further survived by his cat “Sweetie” who made her way not only into his heart but into his home and lap. Ed also rescued 6 donkeys, along with ducks and geese that he loved dearly. He also loved all the wildlife, including and especially squirrels. Ed would feed and care for any animal that came his way. Ed’s hobbies included gardening, taking meticulous care of his lawn, and his mechanical skills - Ed could fix almost anything! He is also known for his culinary skills to include his superb lasagna and amazing prime rib and don’t forget his cheesecake! Ed was a Christian and had a strong faith in God.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Anne Wahoviak of Iron Mountain; longtime significant other, Wendy Schoepke of Hartford, WI, and her son, Russell (Erin) Schoepke and grandson, R.J. Schoepke; brothers, James (Debbie) Wahoviak of Iron Mountain, John (Kathy) Wahoviak of Kingsford, and Robert "Tuba" Wahoviak and Corey Wahoviak, both of Iron Mountain; six nieces and nephews, Jim Jr. (Marquee) Wahoviak, Michael (Jessica) Wahoviak, Chelsey (Craig Strachan) Wahoviak, Cole Wahoviak, Luke Wahoviak, and Molly Wahoviak; two great-nephews, Jaxson Pawlak and Everett Wahoviak; a great niece, Olivia Wahoviak; three aunts, Joan Cowling, Patricia (Bill) Hinkley, and Joyce Edwards Wahoviak, all of Kingsford; and an uncle, John Givogre of Gainesville, GA.

In addition to his father, Robert, Ed was preceded in death by his uncle, Al Wahoviak.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Edward Lee Wahoviak online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family are appreciated.

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

Tribute Wall

LJ

“ I always remember Ed for being a quiet man and always kind to animals. He seem to understand them and they understood him. He was a great cook whether it was chicken on the grill or cheesecake. It was the best there was. He will be greatly missed by his friends, family and animals that he kindly invited into his life.



laurie johnson - May 04, 2021 at 07:17 PM

AS

“ I didn't know Ed well, but thus beautiful tribute shows what a kind and caring individual he was. My lovely friend Wendy Schoepke found her soul mate in him and he made her happy. I'm so sorry that he is gone, but obviously left his mark on many lives, including all the rescue animals. Sincere condolences to all who loved him.

Amy Schwarzl - April 23, 2021 at 10:13 AM

AS

I meant THIS beautiful tribute. Sorry for the typo. ~Amy

Amy Schwarzl - April 23, 2021 at 10:21 AM

JA

Ed was a-treasured neighbor who spoke MY language of L♥VE of animals and all creation and was a devoted partner to dear Wendy, a couple who thanked God for life, every day, evidenced by the way they lived each day! Ed, I woll miss seeing you on your tractor or your mower, in the garden or in your stableysrd, loving and caring for the donkeys and "lucky ducks" who shared your home! I plan to see you at the Grand Reunion of all who believe in our great God/Father Creator...who loves us all! 🙏 watch over us , Ed 🙏 Judy

Judy Adrian - April 26, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RP

*We were lucky enough to get to know Ed and Wendy We are so sad that he left us all way too young. A soft spoken, good man. His love and devotion to the animals was beautiful. He even took care of our kitties many times which we so appreciated. We knew they were in the best care. There's a special place in heaven for him and I sure hope we see him again someday. He ll probably be hanging around the Rainbow Bridge , just like us God Bless you And bring you peace Ed. Bless all those who have empty hearts right now. Give them strength.
Crystal and Roger*

Roger Pautz - April 27, 2021 at 09:53 PM

DW

“ *Donna Wallner lit a candle in memory of Edward Lee Wahoviak*



Donna Wallner - April 23, 2021 at 08:32 AM



“ *I remember, when ever I came over, Ed would be outside feeding his squirrels or down by the donkeys, he also liked his coffee in the morning and ice cream at night, he was always doing something, sure will miss him*

Roxanne Zimmer-Lenz - April 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM

KW

*Ed was such a wonderful human, the world won't be as bright without him.
So very sorry for your loss!*

Kelly Wright - April 22, 2021 at 07:51 PM

KW

Ed was such a kind -hearted soul. All the animals in heaven are rejoicing that they get to see him again. Thinking of you!

Kelly Wright - April 22, 2021 at 07:53 PM

LS

Rest in Peace, Ed. All the animals you lovingly cared for will miss you kind heart. Please watch over Wendy, the donkey's, and all the little one, until you meet again.

Leah Schaefer - April 22, 2021 at 10:22 PM

DW

I too remember many wonderful times visiting with Ed, especially grace at dinner. He was a great kind man and he will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Donna Wallner - April 23, 2021 at 08:30 AM