



Joseph T. Rogers

November 17, 1940 - February 7, 2019

Joseph Thaddeus Rogers “Ted” from Spread Eagle, WI, passed away February 7, 2019 at 7:30 am surrounded by his loving family at the University of Michigan Medical Center, after a 2 year battle with Lymphoma.

Ted was born in Lowell, MA, November 17, 1940. His parents were Hugh Joseph Rogers and Corinne Forrest. He attended Lowell High School and graduated in 1959. He received a bachelor’s degree in Sociology from Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island and later served in the US Air Force, where he was assigned to the K.I. Sawyer Air Force base in Marquette, MI.

While in Marquette he met his wife of 52 years Julie Ann Jensen. They were married June 18, 1966 at Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain, MI. During that time Ted worked at the Marquette Mining Journal as a reporter and at Northern Michigan University in the information office announcing and reporting sporting events. Ted continued his education and received his teacher certification from Northern Michigan University in French and English, a Master’s degree in Secondary School Administration and an Educational Specialist in Curriculum and Instruction from Eastern Michigan University.

He taught French and English at Robichaud High School (Dearborn Heights, MI) Republic High School (Republic, MI) and Baraga High School (Baraga,

MI). A teacher for 32 years, teaching was his passion, and once offered an administrative position, he turned it down to stay in the classroom. He believed that learning was not only in the classroom but in the extracurricular activities with the students. He was a coach for Baseball, Football, and Golf, French club, National Honor Society, and the faculty advisor for the school newspaper, the Forensics/Debate clubs, Olympics of the Mind, and the Drama club, directing 2 plays a year. He also taught French out of his home to his 2 daughters and their friends. He enjoyed announcing high school sports games and once received the Howard Cosell of Republic High School award.

Outside of teaching, Ted had many hobbies, hunting for deer and duck, fishing, golfing, wood working, and carving. He loved to travel and see the United States. He marveled at its vast diversity. He and his wife traveled to National parks, historic sites, and presidential libraries, seeing all 50 of the United States. A diehard New England Sports fan, he boasted and cheered for his Bruins, Celtics, Red Sox, and Patriots, especially when they won the championships. He loved cooking; his favorite was Chinese and referred to himself as “Hop Sing”. Proud of his Irish heritage, he made the best Irish Coffees. Ted was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Iron Mountain, MI, the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Elks Club, the Woodbee Carvers, Boarderland Arts, and the Romeos (Retired Old Men Eating Out) breakfast group. He sang in the L’Anse Sacred Heart Catholic Church Choir and with the Northernaires barbershop group. He served on the Baraga County Parks and Recreations board. He was the treasurer of the L’Anse Golf Course for 15 years, and a member of the Oak Crest Golf Course.

Most important to Ted was his family. He was always there for them, with a loving, prideful smile giving support and advice. He traveled many miles to attend their activities and events. He was a wonderful husband, father, and Papa. He is survived by his wife Julie Rogers, his daughters Kathy (Rich) Scherlitz and Kori (Mark) Bloomfield, and grandchildren Anna Scherlitz, Ryan

Scherlitz, and Rebecca Crawley. Additionally, he leaves behind his sister Judith, (David) Sullivan, sister-in-laws Judy (Chuck) Fournier and Joyce (Tom) Roemersberger. Ted was further survived by 6 nephews Scott (Kim) Sullivan, Tim (Katie) Sullivan, Pat (Ari) Sullivan, Jim (Tracy) Fournier, Andrew (Amber) Roemersberger, Eric (Hillary) Roemersberger, and 1 niece Cynthia (Ron) Miller.

Ted's favorite Irish Blessing...May the road rise to meet you, and the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face and the rains fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 10, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Ave., Iron Mountain, MI. A funeral mass will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Iron Mountain. Msgr. James Kaczmarek will officiate. After the mass, the burial will be in Cemetery Park with a dinner and celebration of life at Recreation Lanes-Antoine Room, 1555 N. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mountain, MI following.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Ted Rogers Scholarship, established in Ted's name with the Baraga Area Schools for a graduating senior pursuing an Education Degree. Donations may be sent to the following:

Attention: Ted Rogers Scholarship Fund
Baraga Area Schools
210 Lyons St.
Baraga, MI 49908

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Joseph "Ted" Rogers online

at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 10. 1:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

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“ Ted was my roommate and friend while serving in USAF at KI Sawyer AFB, MI from 1963 to 1965. Smart, funny and always up for a good time. We managed to keep in touch over the years. I shall miss him. My condolences to Julie and the family.

Alan Colvin
Pelham, AL

Alan Colvin - October 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - May 01, 2019 at 10:38 AM

LH

“ Ted Rogers was one of my favorite high school teachers. He was also a mentor and an adviser. We spent many hours together while I was in high school as he was our Odyssey of the Mind coach/adviser and every year, I was in one of the plays he directed. Sometimes he was even a rival as he was a die-hard Celtics & MSU fan while I was a Lakers & UM fan and the banter was always fun & never bitter. Above all of that...Ted was a friend. May he rest in peace.

*Larry Hiltunen
Baraga High School Class of 1990*

Larry Hiltunen - April 26, 2019 at 08:25 AM

GI

“ To the family of Mr. Rogers, Please accept my sincerest condolences for your loss. Mr. Rogers was one of my favorite teachers at Baraga High School. I will always remember him with a smile. Know he made a difference in so many young minds. We were blessed for our time with him and for you sharing him with us. May he Rest In Peace and prayers God provides you with much comfort.

*In sympathy,
Gayle Grant Isaacson
BHS Class of 1979*

Gayle Isaacson - April 25, 2019 at 09:27 PM

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“ Dear Julie and Family,
My sincere sympathy and prayers for you in the loss of this wonderful guy who we knew as "Ted". He accomplished so much in his earthly life and Harlan and I always enjoyed time with him while golfing at Oak Crest. He was a such a creative carver. We all enjoyed his presentation at our Golden K meeting a while back. Gods arms embrace and comfort you, even as Ted is brought to his new heavenly home already prepared for him. My love and prayers are with you.
Orice



Orice Walters - April 23, 2019 at 09:37 AM

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Heartfelt sympathy for Ted's family. You surely have been left with beautiful and proud memories. May you have comfort in knowing he is in God's hands.
Mist Sincerely
His former grammar school classmates
Richard Thibeau and
Claudie (Drainville) Wright

Claudie - April 26, 2019 at 04:13 PM