



## Randall "Randy" Weege

May 14, 1926 - December 25, 2013

Randall James "Randy" Weege, beloved husband, father, father in law and grandfather, died peacefully on Wednesday evening, December 25, 2013. He was born in Oconto, WI on May 14, 1926 to Elmer and Bessie (Geisler) Weege.

Randy attended Lincoln School and Oconto High School, graduating in 1944. He loved playing basketball and served as captain of his team. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps and worked as an Aerial Engineer, stationed in Germany at the end of World War II. He felt that serving his country was a privileged responsibility.

On August 4, 1951, Randy married the love of his life, Patricia A. Telford. Together they raised three daughters, Cynthia, Kassie and Annie.

Randy grew up in a family that valued education and hard work. Pursuing a degree in geology allowed him to study what he loved. He attended the University of Wisconsin at Marinette for a year and then transferred to the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Geology in 1951 and his Masters Degree in Economic Geology in 1955.

Randy started his career in 1955 working for the Calumet and Hecla Mining Co. as an exploration geologist in Shullsburg, WI. He accepted a position in Darwin, California as a mine geologist with the Anaconda Mining Co. in the Lone Pine area. Expanding his expertise, he then joined the Uranium Division of Calumet and Hecla in Albuquerque, NM and worked extensively in Gallop and the Ambrosia Lake Region in Grants, NM.

In 1959, he moved his family from the sand desert to the snowy Upper Peninsula of Michigan to focus his efforts on this beautiful area and earn the position of Director of Geology for the Calumet division of Calumet and Hecla. His study and exploration lead to his discovery of the copper deposit that became the successful Kingston Mine in Ahmeek, MI. He shared his knowledge of geology at all levels, from research programs at Michigan Tech University to geology lessons for grade school classes and science fairs. He loved the Copper Country and worked hard to preserve its beauty.

Accepting a position as Director of Exploration for Universal Oil Products (UOP) included a move to Deerfield, IL in 1975. His mineral exploration included work in Saudi Arabia, Papua New Guinea, Guatemala, Brazil, Puerto Rica, the Philippine Islands, the Ivory Coast, Burundi, the Dominican Republic and the United States.

His travels inspired him to settle on the beautiful Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes with Pat in 1986, where he continued his consulting work. He loved to play golf and especially enjoyed his traveling group of golfing friends. He was a loyal Packer and Badger fan. He will be remembered as a loving husband, devoted father and father in law and wonderful grandfather. As young swimmers, his grandsons delighted in discovering quarters planted in the waters of Long Lake. His optimistic love of life was a gift. Although a scientist, Randy said only his Christian faith explained the "Why" of our world. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kingsford, Golden K, Pine Grove

Country Club, the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes Association, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the Society of Economic Geologists and the Geological Society of America.

Randy is survived by his wife and best friend Pat; his daughters, Cynthia Weege, Kassie (Paul) Fugere and Annie Weege Kern; grandsons, Andre Randall Fugere and Joel Paul Fugere; his nieces, Lynn Foster and Pam Vanhulle and his nephew Rex Mehlberg. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Betty Jane Lemirande.

Randy's family would like to thank the dedicated care of Maryhill of Niagara, the compassionate work of Arms of Angels and Florence County Aging, and his wonderful neighbors for their longtime friendship.

A small family service will be held to honor and celebrate Randy's remarkable life.

A memorial will be established in Randy's name for the Golden K Special Needs Children's parties and the First Presbyterian Church Soup Kitchen.

Condolences may be sent to Randy's family at 561 Sunrise Drive, Lodi, WI 53555

Until we meet again, dear Dad, may God's love keep us close.

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

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



# Tribute Wall

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“ *Late but sincere condolences to the Weege family. I knew Randy only from his publications and a manuscript he had submitted for publication maybe 10 years ago. His descriptions of native copper lodes are classic and still stimulate new ideas.*

*Alex Brown, Montreal, QC*

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**Alex Brown, Prof (ret.)** - May 11, 2018 at 05:40 AM

CA

“ *So sorry to learn of Randy's passing. You have my heartfelt sympathy in your great loss to your family. I'm in very poor health and unable to communicate. I send you my love and my prayers.*

*Mrs. Robert (Carol) Panetti*

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**Cary** - January 07, 2014 at 07:44 PM

NM

“ *To the Weege family,*

*As a golfing buddy of Randy for many years, it was difficult to learn of his passing. He will be missed by many,*

*My condolences to his entire family.*

*Norm Mika*

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**Norm Mika** - January 03, 2014 at 12:22 PM

JS

“ *To Randy's Family,  
I was saddened to hear of Ran's passing. I have many fond memories of deer hunting with him every November for almost 30 years. May your spirits be lifted by the many good memories you have of him also.*

*John Schroder*

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**john schroder** - January 02, 2014 at 10:29 PM

LF

“ *Dear Pat, Cindy, Kassie and Anne,*

*I was sad to hear about Uncle Ranny's passing. It is so hard to lose a parent, and you are fortunate to all have had the opportunity to share your adults lives. As time goes on you will remember more and more wonderful moments, the little things you tend to forget when life is rushing past us so quickly. Continue to be strong for each other, as I know you have been. Pam texted me the picture. It is old and the quality isn't the best, but it is such a nice picture of a brother and sister, I had to attach it. Mom was always so proud of her brother. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Lynn*

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**Lynn Foster** - January 01, 2014 at 02:57 PM

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**Lynn** - January 01, 2014 at 02:43 PM

PC

“ Dear Pat, Cindy, Kassie and family, and Annie,  
You have my deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband, father  
and grandfather. You have all been so fortunate and blessed to  
have had Ranny for so many years. There are so many great  
memories to cherish. Know that I will keep your family in my  
Thoughts and Prayers. Blessings to you all.

*Pam Christensen*

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**pam christensen** - January 01, 2014 at 02:23 PM

JS

“ Dear Pat, Kassie & Paul & boys, Cindy, Annie , My deepest  
sympathy in your sad loss. Kassie, hugs to you my friend & to each  
of you., my Mom just phoned me with the news, my heart aches for  
you all right now after being thru the passing of my own father a  
couple years ago, oh,the heartache still remains. You are all in my  
thoughts & prayers. My memories take me back to your home on  
Calumet Ave where I enjoyed being with your family from  
kindergarden to that dreadul day you told me you were moving to  
Deerfield. Your parents always made me feel welcome (your  
sleepovers were the best). Gof is good, you've been blessed to  
have had your wonderful Dad for so many years. I know he will be  
missed terribly, but memories will always keep him close to your  
hearts & make you smile. God Blessings to such a precious family,  
Love, Jill Slusarzyk , Estero, FL.

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**Jill Slusarzyk** - December 31, 2013 at 08:19 PM

SW

“ To Pat, the girls, and grandchildren. You are in our prayers and thoughts and surely remember the good times at the reunions and when I spent time with you guys. Such a wonderful man, husband and father. All the Telford's send their respects and love to all of you.

*Sue Westergaard, daughter of Doris Telford Westergaard*

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**Sue Westergaard** - December 31, 2013 at 11:56 AM

BF

“ To the family of Randy Weege, may God bless all of you in this time of sorrow!! My love to each one of you for your loss, may you hold on to the lovely memories you all have. Prayers and hugs to all of you.

*Beverly Foster  
(Friend of Kassie)*

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**Beverly Foster** - December 30, 2013 at 10:13 PM

PJ

“ Dear Weege family,  
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your loved one went to heaven on a very special day. Please give Pat a hug from Nadine. She misses them. You have been such a wonderful and supportive family. Hugs to Kassie and her dear family. Paula Johnson and Nadine Johnson  
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**Paula Johnson** - December 30, 2013 at 07:44 PM

LH

“ Jean Hermsen and her family are with you in spirit as you celebrate Randy's life. We were so glad to be a part of it! What a nice picture you have posted as we all reflect on good times with the family over the years.

*Louise Hermsen*

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**Louise Hermsen** - December 30, 2013 at 06:37 PM

RR

“ To the Weege Family,

*My deepest sympathy for the loss of your beloved hunsband and father, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Richard Rugg*

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**Richard Rugg** - December 30, 2013 at 03:31 PM

LD

“ Pat and family- Our sympathy to all of you at this time. From Bob and Yvonne's children  
*Bill Telford, Lori Delzer, Pat Telford and Ann Ristow.*

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**lori delzer** - December 30, 2013 at 03:05 PM

AG

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you from the Boormans -- Liz Benson, Chuck & Patti Boorman and Family, Barb & Vic Williams, Lowene, Becky & Tessa Boorman(Rod's Family) and Ann & Tim Gasperich --

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**Annie Boorman Gasperich** - December 30, 2013 at 10:15 AM