



Richard Berlinski

March 4, 1947 - April 5, 2024

Richard “Dick” Berlinski, 77, of Kingsford passed away peacefully with his family by his side Friday, April 5, 2024, at Autumn’s Promise Assisted Living in Green Bay, WI.

Dick was born March 4, 1947, in Iron Mountain, MI, son of the late Andrew Sr. and Helen (Alquist) Berlinski. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1965 where he earned 16 letters in four sports. He set a U.P. football scoring record of 194 points and was a prep All-American in 1964. Dick went on to play football at Michigan State University where he was the Big Ten's punting leader, won a Big Ten Championship and a National Championship, and he kicked the game winning FG in the 1968 North-South All-Star Game. He graduated from MSU in 1968 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and was inducted into the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame in 1986.

Dick married Cindy Hulce on January 20, 2003, in Kingsford. He was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Norway and Pine Grove Country Club. Dick was on the Dickinson County Hospital Board for several years and served as vice chair and chairman of the board. Dick enjoyed golfing, traveling with his family, being a volunteer football coach at Kingsford High School, and he absolutely adored his grandchildren. Dick was an active member of his community. He participated on the Dickinson County Hospital Board of Trustees from 2002-2018, he was the Chairman of the Board from

2008-2012 and the Vice Chairman from 2013-2015. Football has always been a lifelong passion of Dick's. Dick was a licensed security advisor since 2001 and had more than four decades of financial service experience with his business, Berlinski Financial Services. Dick was fortunate enough to be able to donate to many local organizations throughout the community.

Outside of work and sports, Dick spent all his time with his wife, Cindy, and their family. He loved watching his grandkids at all their sporting events, and if they were not there, they were surely watching a Michigan State game together. He was the biggest supporter of anyone in life, and you could always count on him to put a smile on your face.

To our Papa: Thank you so much for everything you have given us in life. We are so grateful to have you as our grandfather. Thank you for always being there to support and guide us. We will forever cherish the memories we have with you and will love you forever and always.- Dylan and Hailey,

He is survived by his wife, Cindy; two sons, Ryan Erickson of Norway and Matt Erickson (Emma) of Iron Mountain; two grandchildren, Dylan Erickson and Hailey (Ethan) McColey; four brothers, Jim Berlinski (Bob Gauthier), Tom (Diane) Berlinski, Steve Berlinski, and Pat (Jennifer) Berlinski; a sister, Anne (Robert) Ethington; a sister-in-law, Sue Berlinski; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Dick was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Susan Berlinski and a brother, Andy Berlinski Jr.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 am until 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 13, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A memorial service will follow at 12:00 noon at the funeral home. Rev. James Danielson will officiate.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Richard "Dick" Berlinski online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

APR 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Berlinski



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - April 13, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JH

Hey coach! I will miss you. Our son Reid is a Spartan. Makes me happy. See you on the other side, pal.

Jeff Harry - April 13, 2024 at 10:26 PM

TK

“ I went to High School with Dick & watched in total amazement what a great athlete he was. I hope his family can rest in peace knowing what all of us thought what a good person he was.

Tim Kearney

Tim Kearney - April 17, 2024 at 10:08 PM

DL

“ To the Berlinski family. Just heard the devastating news of Dick's passing. I was a teammate of Dick's at MSU. More importantly he was my friend. A fierce competitor and one of the kindest individuals I have ever known. The few times we saw each other over the past many years I always reminded him that he was the greatest running back to come out of the UP. He would never agree with me but I was right. I will miss Dick and treasure my memories of him. Dennis Lazar

Dennis Lazar - April 16, 2024 at 10:30 AM

DG

“ Cindy, so very sorry about Dick! Such a great man. He will be so missed.

Diane Gibson - April 13, 2024 at 10:07 AM

JV

“ This message is to acknowledge the family of Richard(Dick) Berlinski. Please accept my sincere condolences for his recent passing. It was my pleasure cleaning for him as I treat everyone with kindness and respect. Thank you for the generous gift...it's greatly appreciated. Peace and Love, Judie Vlies -Autumn Promise Assisted Living.

Judie Vlies - April 12, 2024 at 02:02 PM

NE

“ My sympathy and prayers to the Berlinski family. I work at Autumn's Promise. It was always nice to say HI to dick and get a smile from him. I also want to thank you for the very nice card and gift. It was very unexpected. My prayers to you all. Nancy

Nancy Enderby - April 12, 2024 at 01:52 PM

KI

“ Auntie Cindy, Ryan, Matt, Hailey and Dylan: keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Dick was such a great man and Papa. We love you very much!

Kirsten and family

Kirsten - April 12, 2024 at 10:56 AM

PG

“ I am stunned with grief for the passing of one of my former Michigan State teammates, Dick Berlinski. I was privileged to have Duffy's confidence to carry the ball on a 4th and inches against Ohio State in Columbus in a driving rain storm late in the 4th quarter trailing 8 to 3. Dick was my lead blocker and I told him all I need is a crease and he gave me one and we scored and went to win 11 - 3 and continued on to win the Big Ten and National championship finishing 9-0-1 My brother Dick, "May you rest in eternal peace as you travel to be with Almighty God, To the Berlinski family, our entire team wnedes our thoughts and prayers and my personal condolences. Bob Asisa

Pat Galliamgh - April 11, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TD

“ I went to high school with Dick. Best high school athlete I've ever seen. He was also humble, kind and respectful. He was my high school hero.

Terry Duval - April 11, 2024 at 12:12 PM

TB

“ Rest in peace my old Spartan teammate  Tom Barnum

Tom Barnum - April 11, 2024 at 03:57 AM

BE

“ So sorry to hear this Cindy. Dick was always so friendly and humorous, willing to extend a compliment. He was also an excellent financial advisor. I will miss bumping In to him around town, his kindness, warm smile and friendly demeanor. My sympathy to you and the family. May he rest in the grip of God's Grace. Sincerely,
Bonnie E.

Bonnie E. - April 10, 2024 at 07:52 PM

RW

“ Sorry to hear about Dick. We overlapped a few years at MSU in football but i do remember him being a tough running back in drills.
Ralph Wieleba. MSUFPA 67-71.

Ralph Charles Wieleba - April 10, 2024 at 07:35 PM

DM

“ Cindy & family sending heartfelt condolences on your loss. Hold on to your memories, and let them guide you during this time of sadness.
Donna Mannigel

Donna Mannigel - April 10, 2024 at 12:24 PM

CR

“ Sorry to hear of Dick's passing. He was a great guy who always had a kind word about our efforts to bring our teams together thru the MSUFPA. My condolences to his family and may his memory be eternal.
Constantine Demos

Constantine Demos r - April 10, 2024 at 11:17 AM

DB

“ I will always remember Dick as a good football player but more importantly as a great person.

Don Baird - April 10, 2024 at 11:01 AM

GB

“ Cindy I'm so sorry to read of Dicks passing. He was always so upbeat and friendly whenever I visited him at his office. My deepest sympathy to you and the family.
Gloria Hammill Burlo



Gloria Burlo - April 10, 2024 at 10:16 AM