



Richard Halvas

December 25, 2007

KINGSFORD - Richard C. "Rich" Halvas, 64, of 145 N Elizabeth St. Kingsford died Tuesday, December 25, 2007 at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay.

Rich was born July 13, 1943 in Stambaugh, MI son of the late Ero and Irene (Book) Halvas. He graduated from Iron River High School in 1961 and lived in this area for most of his life. Rich married Marlene Mylchreest in April of 1963 in Iron River. She preceded him in death in 1988. Rich was a member of the Elks Club and the National Rifle Assoc. He enjoyed going to camp, hunting, fishing, watching sports and was an avid Red Wings fan. Rich especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

He is survived by a son, Derrick Halvas of Iron Mountain; two daughters, Sandra (John) Giguere of Kingsford and Lisa Halvas (Scott Visintainer) of Kingsford; two brothers, Duane (Elaine) Halvas of Norway and Earl (June) Halvas of Utah; four grandchildren, Travis and Ashley Giguere and Colin and Connor Erickson; son-in-law, Greg Erickson; special friend, Linda Smiltneek; several nieces, nephews and friends; and his dog, Matti.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00pm on Friday at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A time of sharing will follow at 7:00pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in his memory.

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

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

Tribute Wall

NK

“ *Derrick and Family, sorry to hear about your loss. Derrick, your Dad really loved to watch you play ice hockey. On behalf of all of your former Iron King teammates, please accept our condolences.*

Naveed ?Budge? Kiani

Naveed Kiani - February 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ *Dear Derrick, Sandy, & Lisa, we were so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, especially at this time of year. Just know you all have lots of people praying for your comfort & strength to help you through this difficult time. Our deepest sympathy, Nate & Kris (Gussert)Czerwan*

nate & kris czerwan - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Derrick, Sandy, Lisa, Duane, Earl.*

I was so sad to hear of Rich's passing. I thought of him often and all the good times we had as kids, sleeping on rugs at Gramma Maria and Grampa Mike's, going sledding, skating, hitting each other in the head with shovels and swings. We had good times when we both lived in Milwaukee, WI visiting with friends Marge and Gene Schiavo - Rich playing his accordian and Norm playing the sax.

I will have a continuous reminder of Rich as my son Mike looks a lot like him, makes the same silly sounds Rich did and has the same endearing smile.

Our sympathis to all of you and know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Goodbye Tiiti
Love Piiku*

*Juanita and Norman Sacheck
Fall City WA*

Juanita Sacheck - December 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ *My condolences to the entire Halvas family. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers through this most difficult time. Sending our love,
Shannon and Jeff Powell*

Shannon Powell - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Dear family and loved ones of Richard. Please accept my sincere condolences. Rich was my close friend when we grew up together in Beechwood. I have many pleasant memories of our adventures together. Once he helped me through an especially dark time I experienced, and I am still grateful for that. Though we lost touch over the years, I still am deeply saddened by his passing. I hope you are able to find some comfort, as I have, in remembering the good times we were privileged to share with him. Rob Shaver

Rob Shaver - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Deear Lisa, Sandy, and Derrick,

My deepest sympathy with your loss, so many wonderful memories of our youth together and all the fun we had with all of our families together. I know I haven't been around in these last years but know that your dad held a fond place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always.

*Your Friend,
Cathy (Richer) Jackson*

Cathy (Richer) Jackson - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Dear Derrick, Lisa, Sandy and Family ?

Words are inadequate at such a difficult time, but please know our sympathy and warmest thoughts are with you and your families in this time of grief. Rich was an amazing person, we will never forget his smile and laugh. I (Mike) have many fond memories of fishing, hunting and hanging out at camp with your dad. He was like a second dad to me. He will be missed greatly.

*With Love,
Mike, Kammi and Jaidyn Cavalieri*

Mike and Kammi Cavalieri - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Derrick and Family,

You don't remember me, but I'll never forget Rich. He was and will always be the funniest guy I'll ever know. But more than that, he had a unique way of making everyone around him feel great, even if they were just meeting him for the first time.

I hope to carry some of that with me in his honor. Your family is in our prayers.

Dave DeWalt - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Sorry to hear about Richard. We are unable to make it to the funeral tonight, you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

I will be sending a card in the mail to Earl.

*Anne Rosseau
37 lay Ave. Iron River, MI. 49935*

Anne Rosseau - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Lisa, Sandy, and Derrick,

I'm so sorry to hear about your dad. He was a good man and will be missed by everyone who knew him. Please forgive me for not being able to be with you tonight. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

Sherry (DeeDee) Kosiba-Rochon - December 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Derrick & Lisa,

Our sincere condolences on the passing of your father. I am sure he was an exceptional person and a great loss!

*Sincerely,
Bucko, Chrissy, & Allyson Barribeau
Madison, AL*

Don (Bucko) Barribeau - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Dear Family of Rich,
Although most of you won't know us. We knew your Dad. As youngsters, we all grew up together in the Beechwood area. Kids in the country spent a lot of quality time together. Playing baseball, sleigh riding. going to Halloween parties at the Beechwood Hall. All the memories were good ones.
A sad time for all of us. Take care.
(My daughter Darcie informed me of your Dad's passing.)
To Duane, Earl and families. We're tinking of you.
Gail F.(Luopa)Gustafson
Judy (Luopa)/ Pat Bentley

Gail (Luopa) Gustafson - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ LISA, IM VERY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR FATHER.
MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
I CAN HONESTLY SAY WE KNOW WHAT YOUR GOING
THROUGH RIGHT NOW.

ANGELA POQUETTE

ANGELA - December 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM