



## Richard Phillips

November 15, 1935 - November 15, 2009

NIAGARA, Wis. - Richard E. Phillips, 74, of Niagara Township, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

He was born Jan. 23, 1935, in Niagara, the son of the late Orville and Violet (Chaltry) Phillips. Richard graduated from Niagara High School in 1954. He worked at the Niagara Paper Mill for a short time and was then employed as a journeyman construction pipefitter for 30 years.

In his early adult years, Richard was a member of the Niagara Rescue Squad and the Knights of Columbus of St. Anthony Church until necessary travel for his employment interfered with his participation.

On Oct. 7, 1972, Richard married Christine (Peterson) Kellermann in Kingsford.

Richard was an avid hunter, trapper, and fisherman. Family camping trips were tops on his list of activities. After retiring, he spent many summers camping at the Gogebic County Park near Marenisco, which gave him the opportunity to fish daily. He also enjoyed pheasant hunting in South Dakota. Being an avid carpenter, Richard built his camp 10 years ago and then made it into a home for Chris and himself.

Richard is survived by his wife, Chris; one daughter, Jackie (Rumi) Kabir of Cookeville, Tenn. and their sons, Farraz, Nathan, and Zachary; two sons, Joseph (Tammy) Kellermann of Fort Myers, Fla., and their daughters, Christine and Nicole, and Daniel (Lianne Hansen) Phillips of Niagara and his sons, Michael Aderman, and Jonathan and Anthony; two sisters, Connie Dennis of Kingsford and Donna Kentgen of Burnsville, Minn.; two brothers, Rodger Phillips and Reggie (Sally) Phillips, both of Niagara; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and their spouses, Raymond and Doreen Phillips, Roy and Karen Phillips, and Rolland (Baloney) and Joyce Phillips; and a brother-in-law, David Kentgen.

Richard appreciated the frequent visits and assistance from family and close friends during his illness, especially his children and close friends and relatives, Ray and Mindi Pilon, George and Marie McCaskey, Mike Phillips, and Wayne Lewis. Richard's daughter-in-law, Heidi Phillips was also a great support to him during this time.

At Richard's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A celebration of Richard's life will be planned for next summer.

Condolences to the family of Richard Phillips can 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

PP

“ *My sympathies to you, Chris and the family.*

*I know Dick from the county park - my Mom and Dad are Bud and Irene Fingeroos.*

*I remember a whole lot of stories around the campfires. Dick was always a pleasure to visit with (and his beautiful labs)*

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**Paula Partanen** - December 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *Many childhood memories from my neighbor on the other end of Ledge Street. Don Raboin - Novato, California. (NHS 1955) San Francisco Bay Area.*

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**Don** - November 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Our sincere condolences to all family members. May God be with you.*

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**Rocky & Brenda Schuster** - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

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**Jim & Barb Dunnick** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *My condolences to the Phillips family. We are very grateful to have had to a chance to know Richard. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Pat Hoffmann and Family** - November 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *To the Phillips family. My Condolences to the family members. He will not be forgotten. Take care.*

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**jeff garvaglia** - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ *I am very thankful that I was a part of your family. My condolences to all family members.*

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**Heidi Phillips** - November 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM