



## Rick Klingelhutz

September 29, 1958 - September 29, 2010

Rick Thomas Klingelhutz, 52, of 833 Hamilton Ave. Kingsford, passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, MI.

He was born October 15, 1957 in Shakopee, MN, the son of Thomas and Catherine "Kay" (Bruers) Klingelhutz. Rick married Sally Edens on December 29, 1979 in Chanhassen, MN. He grew up in Chanhassen and moved with his family to Annandale, MN in 1989. Rick graduated from Chaska High School in 1976 and started his career as a carpenter. He worked with his father in the family business, TomKay Builders, building and remodeling homes for over 25 years in the Chanhassen and Annandale area. He held a position with Lampi Auctioneers for a few years prior to moving to Kingsford in 2002. For the past seven years Rick has been employed at the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District as a Para-Pro in the Building Trades Program. He was a member of American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Rick enjoyed going to camp, hunting, fishing, and working in his shop.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; two sons, Joseph Klingelhutz of Minneapolis and Jacob Klingelhutz of Houghton; a daughter, Jeana Klingelhutz of Kingsford; his mother and father, Kay and Thomas Klingelhutz of Annandale; maternal grandmother, Bertha Bruers of Chaska, MN; two sisters, Vicky (Dale) Hoeft of Watertown, MN and Maria (Steve) Sanocki of Hudson, WI; his mother and father-in-law, Dorothy and Don Edens of Kingsford; three brothers-in-law,

Don (Pam) Edens, Mark (Val) Edens, and Bill (LuAnn) Edens; a sister-in-law, Mary (Don) Lee; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The funeral mass will be on Monday at 11:00am at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Fr. Joseph Gouin will offer the Mass of Christian Burial.

Pallbearers will be his nephews, Steve and Mark Edens, Don Lee Jr., Mike Lee, Paul, Neil & Carl Edens, Tony, Jeff, Tommy & Josh Hoeft, and Mark Sanocki.

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

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

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Sally, I am sorry for your loss. If you don't remember me , don't feel bad because left Kingsford 40 years ago, but I remember you and Billy very well. My dad was the minister at the Church of Christ on Balsam St. Rick must have been a very special guy for you to want to marry him. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care of yourself . Your old friend Dan Carlson*

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**Dan Carlson - Olney, IL - friend of Sally's** - September 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Rick's death from Mike and Collen. Rick was always one of my favorite cousins when I was growing up in Chanhassen. He was always in a good mood and fun to be around. I remember your wedding . It was such a great celebration of family and love. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult season of life.*  
*Joann Klingelhutz Townsend*

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**Joann Klingelhutz Townsend - Bellevue, NE - cousin** - October 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Sally and family,

*Bill was picking up old pumpkins for the animals and was shocked to find out about Rick, he said he just couldn't believe what someone had told him. He has so many great memories from doing carpentry to hunting etc.... The last time we saw you, you were still in Annandale (yellow house when the kids were still young). We also remember being at Joe's baptism party ( or some celebration) at your other house. We were in Annandale at a lake and we HAD to go see Rick:) We also remember being at Joe's baptism party ( or some celebration) at your other house. The years pass so quickly and we lost touch. Rick was a great guy and Bill has always talked about the "Klinglehutz" family fondly. Please know that we are thinking about you, praying for you and trusting God has his loving arms around Rick and you! We are both Deeply saddened by his death, he was such a great guy! Bill is bow hunting in a tree right now, I know he's hoping for a deer but I also know he is re-evaluating life and thinking about his old buddy Rick!*

*God Bless,  
Bill and Maria Boecker*

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**Bill and Maria Boecker - Carver, MN - friend** - October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I found out today that my dear old friend Rick had passed away. Although we hadn't seen each other in years, he would still send me funny emails from time to time. Making people laugh was just one of Rick's many talents.

Whether skiing, building a house or sitting in a deer stand, Rick's joy of life always shone through. I remember those high school canoe trips like it was yesterday. Throughout the years, Rick was the most loyal and generous friend a guy could have.

He was also a devoted family man. Sally, Joe, Jake and Jeana - you are in our prayers. God Bless you,

John and Mary

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**John Kamerud - Leesburg, VA - friend** - October 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *Sally and Family,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. May God's peace and comforting arms be around you all. Rick was a great guy, I could tell this from the minute I met him. Always had a smile on his face no matter what the situation. He could always keep a smile on your face. I could also tell that his family meant the world to him. Both you sally, and your children. The strength and faith your family had during Rick's time of death gave me goosebumps. It made my strength even stronger. I have no idea how I would handle being in any of your positions. Knowing that it was God's timing and part of his plan got you through those tough moments. I know that there will be tough times to come but I have no doubt that God will carry you, in His arms, through each and every moment.*

*I assure you that I will never forget Rick's face. I'm sorry I didn't have the joy of knowing him longer. Thank you for letting me be there for a short amount of time to share in your sorrow. My life will be forever imprinted by the "Klingelhutz's of Kingsford"*

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**Sharon Joy Chappa** - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I haven't talked to Rick in a few years, We would go up to the cabin in northern Mn. with Rick and Tom to do some hunting and a lot of joking around. When he was on the job site he would always have a positive attitude and would really make work seem like a day in the park. That is what I remember most about Rick, that and those Vikings game, It takes a special person to be a Vikings fan year after year.

*My thoughts and prayers go out to the family, he will certainly be missed.*

*Mark Just*

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**Mark Just - Spooner, WI - friend and old workmate** - October 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ My family's thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Klingelhutz family. Be strong and cherish the memories...

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**Dustin - Friend** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We are all very saddened by the news of Rick's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Sincerely, David, Beth, Josh & Jesse Provencher

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**David, Beth, Josh & Jesse Provencher - Iron Mountain, MI - friends** - October 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Sally and family,

*We can only image the pain you must be feeling at this time. Our thought and prayer is that as time goes by the pain will be filled with wonderful memories of Rick. God Bless All Of You. We chose a purple candle because I know how all of your are Viking Fans along with Ashley.*

*Lynda, Tim and Ashley*

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**Lynda, Tim and Ashley Giguere - friend** - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ We were very sorry to hear of this loss. Although we only had known Rick a short time, he was a wonderful man. He helped to make the partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the Building Trades program a huge success. He took our partner family under his wing and taught her how to build a house. His smile and laughter will be greatly missed.

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**Habitat for Humanity Menominee River - Iron Mountain, MI - coworker** - October 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I was the person who was responsible for arranging for Sally and her friend to meet up with Rick and Steve Hanson for a new years eve party. Later that year I was at a broom ball game and there was Sally at the game. I found out then that they were dating and later that year they were engaged. At their wedding they had match books with my name on it as the match maker.

We were saddened to hear of Ricks passing. I experienced the same illness some 35 years ago and was lucky enough to come out of it with no ill effects. I know what my family went thru those 3 days when I was in intensive care and can imagine what Ricks family went thru. I know that Rick being the only son will be not only missed by Sally and kids but also by his parents Tom and Kay Klingelutz. Our prayers are with the family.

May your faith give you the strength thru these times.

Ken and Mary Pung

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**kenneth pung - albertville, MN - match maker for rick and sally** - October 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Sally, Joe, Jake, Jeana and extended family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. Although we didn't know Rick as well as Sally and the kids he was always...ALWAYS...friendly and welcoming. I remember the fun Kingsford music float building times in the garage/workshop and how Rick's expertise and sense of fun made everything so much easier. Our prayers will be with you at this difficult time.

The Ritsemas

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**Scott and Emily Ritsema, Kiersten, Stan and Julia - Iron Mountain, MI - Friends**  
- October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ We were sad to here of your loss, Sally we will keep your family in our prayers, Rick had endless energy and a gift of keeping things positive when things got difficult, we were learning so much at that time and his jokes would just lift you up. He had a way of taking things to the next level and making it work out. I have drawn on that many times and had admired him for that. I am sorry I did not get a chance to tell him that. It was a treat to be around when you two meet for Rick lived with me after highscool. From day one you two seemed to be a pair and he was so happy being with you. Sally I can only imagine how difficult this is for you, I am a better man because of Rick and I will always thank your family for that. We will pray God comforts your family and gives you strenght to handle the loss of Rick. Steve & Jan Hansen

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**Steve & Jan Hansen - Minnetonka,, MN - Apprentance Carpenter Co- worker -**  
October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Our deepest sympathies to Rick's family and friends. He was a good man with a lively spirit. He will be greatly missed. May the Lord give you the strength and comfort you need in this difficult time.

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**Cindy & Kevin Rosin - St. Bonifacius, MN - Rachele's Parents -** October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Sally and Family, We are deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Please know that our prayers are with you. We too will miss seeing Rick at the MTU football games! Our deepest sympathy to all of you!

*Pete and Sue Cattelino and Family*

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**Pete and Sue Cattelino - Houghton, MI - Friend -** October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear the sad news! We are thinking of all of you at this time!

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**The Swartout's - Friends.** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Sally and family...We are so sorry for the loss of Rick...know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers...Rick will be truly missed...that perpetual smile on his face will always be remembered...our son,Bob, will miss him deeply as they had such a great rapport both at work and outside of the work place...please let us know if there is anything we can do for you...Mary and Bob

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**Mary and Bob Jayne - Bobby Jayne's parents** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Sally and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will hold you all in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.  
Sandi Ryan

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**Sandi Ryan - Kingsford, MI** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Rick will be missed. We greatly enjoyed his sense of humor. MTU football games will not be the same without him cheering on his son and our son.

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**Denise and Chuck Payment - Newberry, MI - friend** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM