



## Rodney A. Adams

January 28, 1957 - December 29, 2020

Rodney A. Adams, 63, of Kingsford, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020, at his home following a courageous battle with metastatic lung cancer.

Rod was born January 28, 1957, in Marinette, WI, son of the late Louis “Jake” and Ada Lorraine Adams. He graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1975 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Rod attended the University of Michigan for a short time, returning home to help his mother after his father's passing. He was employed at Grede Foundry in Kingsford for 35 years.

Rod was a member of the National Honors Society at Iron Mountain High School and participated in Mountaineer football and other sports during his high school years. Rod was known by many people as "Ruthless Rod" for his sharp pool league skills. He enjoyed participating in pool league for several years with his team at Bob and Jerry's and Polly's Underground where he was a top 10 shooter in the league. In the summer and fall, Rod enjoyed camping at Lake Emily, traveling to the Keweenaw, and viewing the sunsets at Lake Antoine and Calumet Waterworks Park/ Lake Superior. One of his favorite parts of his Keweenaw travels was tending the fire at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge Cabins. Rod spent much time besting others at games such as Cribbage and Pinochle and complaining when the game wasn't going his way. He also enjoyed listening to music, writing, poetry, cruising rustic roads, and tubing. Rod's favorite holiday was Christmas and through his battle with

cancer, he continually had a goal to make it to Christmas.

Rod is survived by his significant other, Cheryl Johnson; two brothers, Robert Adams and Ryan Adams; four sisters, Mary (Joe) Eutizi, Sharon Adams, Ada Cespedes, and Jill (Lee) Matzen; thirteen nieces and nephews; and twenty-one great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Diane Adams.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Contributions can be made in his memory to the Dickinson County Cancer Unit Loan Closet at 201 East Breitung Avenue, Kingsford, MI 49802.

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

# Tribute Wall

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“*May the Four Winds blow you safely Home my Friend, where you can rest, laugh and run free again. . .*”

*My heartfelt condolences to the Adams Family and Rod’s Family of Friends. Rod was a gentle soul and beautiful person, a truly good person, a friend who will be missed by many.*

*T. Martin*

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**Therese Martin** - January 05, 2021 at 08:22 PM



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“*Renaat And Trudy Taillaert lit a candle in memory of Rodney A. Adams*”



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**Renaat and Trudy Taillaert** - January 04, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“*Laura Walker lit a candle in memory of Rodney A. Adams*”



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**Laura Walker** - January 02, 2021 at 12:24 AM



“ i am so very sorry for your loss. he was a great friend to me, from the first week i moved to iron mountain. the world is a darker place without his light, my sincerest sympathy , love and prayers  
laura and bill walker

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**Laura Walker** - January 02, 2021 at 12:23 AM

SC

“ Fair winds and following seas, my friend. It was a privilege to be your co-worker and a blessing to be your friend. I greatly appreciate all the things you taught and shared with me at work. Rest in peace.

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**Sonny Chick** - January 01, 2021 at 12:12 AM

RS

“ Rest easy my friend. I'm grateful to have worked with you an more so learned from you. You taught me a lot at the foundry and we had fun doing it. Thank you for the skills you passed to me. Till we meet agin friend

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**Rick StVincent** - December 29, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JH

“ So long old friend....until we meet again. I enjoyed our conversations and your intelligence, kindness and humor. You were one of a kind.

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**Janet Hill** - December 29, 2020 at 06:48 PM

LN

“ I just read about Rod's passing. Big hugs to Cheryl and Rod's family. Rod was an amazing pool player and I enjoyed watching his skills on the pool table. RIP Rod.  
Lenore Nelson

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**Lenore Nelson** - December 29, 2020 at 01:32 PM