



Rodney Carlson

August 9, 1949 - July 7, 2013

Rodney Alan Carlson, 63, of Foster City, passed away on Sunday, July 7, 2013 at the William S. Middleton V.A. Medical Center in Madison, WI.

He was born on August 8, 1949 in Daggett, Michigan, son of Howard Carlson and the late Alice (Stenfors) Carlson. He graduated from Felch High School in 1967 and was a lifelong resident of the area. Rod was a U.S. Army Veteran serving his country proudly in the Vietnam War. Decorations he received include the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Bronze Star Medal with V Device and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Rodney married Debra Lucas on February 5, 1973 in Iron Mountain. Rodney worked with his father in the family logging business for several before taking ownership of the company. In 1990, he started his own construction company which he operated for over 23 years. Rodney and Debra also helped with the clean-up following Hurricane Katrina. Rodney was a member of the Felch-Breen VFW, the NRA, and the Harley Owners Group "H.O.G." He enjoyed playing baseball in the WISHIGAN league and coached little league for several years. Rodney and Debra raised horses and enjoyed attending horse shows. They were also active members of 4-H. Rodney was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle and side by side. More than anything he loved spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren.

Rodney is survived by his loving wife, Debra; his father, Howard; four children, Brandi (Brian) Johnson of TX, Stacy (Mike) Nylund of AK, Rodney Jr. (Madge) Carlson and Lucas Carlson (Tiffany Esch), both of Foster City; two brothers, Gary (Anna) Carlson of CA and Jeff (Lisa) Carlson of Norway; two sisters, Fay (Gary) Johnson and Gail (Brad) Gustafson, both of Felch; grandchildren, Heather (Josh) Tipton, Ryan Johnson, Harley and Michael Nylund, Chelsey, Chase and Andy Carlson and Zion Pittman; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Jim and Barb Edberg.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by two brothers, DeWayne "Dewey" and James Carlson.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Mission Covenant Church in Foster City. Funeral services will follow at 4pm at the church. Rev. Carl Hammer will officiate. Burial will be in the Foster City Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Rodney Alan Carlson online at <http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
Foster City, MI 49834

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Covenant Church
W2376 Cemetery Road
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Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am sorry to learn of Rod's passing.

Rod was a great friend, classmate and teammate in school. He was always very good -natured. Even when a stray basketball broke a light over his head in the Kindergarten room before a game, he didn't get mad. You could see he was a little disappointed but he didn't fly off the handle. He missed the game to go get treated for cuts.

Later, I played for Daggett in the Wishigan league. The first game in Felch Rod hit a line drive over my head in center field. Next game, I'm in right field and he towers a home run into the swamp. He was a good hitter, alright.

It has been a long time since i've seen him, but I will always have fond memories of a good man.

Doug Davidson FHS 1967.

Doug Davidson - Spring Lake, MI - High School classmate/teammate - July 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss! You are all in our thoughts and prayers!

Joe and Carrie Depotie and family - Helps, MI - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ To the entire Carlson family, you are in our thoughts and have our deepest sympathy. Cherish all the great memories of Rod. Joanne & Allen

Joanne & Allen Shangle - Gaylord, MI - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Deb and family, we are so sorry for your loss, we are so sad we can't make it back we're in Kansas. Thinking and praying for you all.*

Mike and Deana Thoune - Felch, MI - Friends - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Rodney's family & friends. Have not seen Rodney in many years but we have a lot of good memories growing up and spending time at our Grandparents house in Felch. God Bless all of you.*

Donna (Carlson) Ross - Oak Creek, WI - cousin - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Your family is my thought and prayers.. Rod will be remembered and missed by all..*

MaryKay - Foster City, MI - July 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Eugene & Robyn Dennocenzo - Felch, MI - July 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM