



Rodney J.

June 13, 1954 - June 13, 2010

Rodney J. Ott, 56, of Kingsford, formerly of Randville, died Sunday, June 13, 2010, at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain.

He was born Feb. 23, 1954, in Iron Mountain, son of the late John and Cecile (Sexton) Ott. Rodney graduated from North Dickinson High School in 1972, the first graduating class of North Dickinson. He joined the U.S. Army after graduating and served from 1972-1975. He worked at the Groveland Mine until it closed, and from 2002 until 2009, he owned and operated his own truck and was an over-the-road Midwest trucker.

He married Jill Wuorinen on Dec. 17, 1999, in Iron Mountain. Rodney enjoyed hunting, guns, four-wheeling in the SUV and camping. He always was excited when his children and grandchildren were coming home for a visit, and he loved gatherings with family and friends. Owning his own truck and driving over the road was a lifelong dream come true and he enjoyed many trips with his wife, Jill. Rodney was also known for having a great sense of humor and he will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He was a member of the Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50.

He is survived by his wife, Jill; six children, Kelly (Lee) Steinbrecher of Green Bay, Wis., Jason (Sarah) Ott of Lyons, Colo., Michael (Tricia) Ott of Green Bay, Amie Ott of Hubbell, John Ott at home, and Ronald James Wuorinen of

Kalamazoo, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Dustin, Sabrina, Alexandra, Anthonie, Michael Jr., Tyler, Austin and Landon; one brother, Donald (Mary) Ott of Vulcan; three sisters, June (Bob) Pollock of Randville, Helen Anderson of Kingsford, and Patt Swanson of Kingsford; father-in-law, Ed Wuorinen (Carolyn Andrews), brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Debbie (David) Paskvan, Vickie (Steve) Kangas, Kellie Wuorinen, Jeffrey (Liz) Wuorinen, and Laura Wuorinen; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by infant twin siblings, Joyce and Lawrence Ott; his mother-in-law, Helen "Mimi" Wuorinen; and two brothers-in-law, Dean Anderson and Wayne Swanson.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Rev. Eric Miller will officiate.

Burial will be in the Channing Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Michael, Jason, and John Ott, Dustin Steinbrecher, Steve Kangas, Dave Paskvan, and Earl "Butch" Henderson.

The Uren-Cooper-Johnson American Legion Post 50 will conduct military graveside honors.

Condolences may be expressed online to the family of Rodney Ott at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ *Jill - So sorry to hear about Rod - My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family. Geri Maki*

Gerri Maki - Alston, MI - Friend - July 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Jill & John-Although I didn't know either of you well, I do know Barry said Rod was a wonderful person. Barry couldn't say enough good about him. He kept saying he hoped he would be his roommate when he got back to the CLC Unit at the VA. They are both in a far better place now and can once again enjoy some friendly conversation. Take care of yourselves and may God Bless you both!*

Cheryl Cohodes - Kingsford, MI - June 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ *Kelly, Jason, Mike and Family. I am very sorry for your loss. I have no idea what it must be like to go through this, but can only imagine if my father, spouse, or sibling passed, how distraught I would feel. I pray that you can remember every pleasant time you've had with your father, and cherish them. Know that you have lots of family and friends that are thinking and praying for all of you right now. Sincerely, Ian Weber*

Ian Weber - Iron Mountain, MI - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Jill i was so sorry to hear about rod passing .praying for all of you at this time. you have my sympathy and he is in gods hands now and resting we have so many wonderful memories of rod camping and falling off my cooler and said i made him fall .then trying to start the gen on the moter home could not figure it out that nite . and putting logs under butch and deenas tent .have to try to think of all the good times with him but we will miss him very much a very nice hearted man a very good man will be missed by all who know him . take care lots of love jean rea

jean rea - iron mtn, MI - freind - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ To Jill, John, Don, Patt, Helen and June,

We are so saddened to hear of Rodney's passing. As Charlie always called him 'R.J.', he will be missed by everyone who knew him. His big heart touched all who knew him. He had a sense of humor that was one of a kind. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of sadness. Rodney is at Peace now, and may Peace be in all of your hearts.

Love,

Sandie and Charlie Mitchem

Sandie and Charlie Mitchem - Holiday, FL - Cousin and great friend - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Jill so sorry about your loss. Thinking of you and jon Love You kelly and scott send their sympathy.

Joyce Lanala - south range, MI - friend - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Jill and Jon we are so sorry to hear about your loss of Rod he was a very fine man if there is anything at all we can do for you just let us know. You two and the rest of the family are in our thoughts and prayers. I love you*

Sharon Eakin - South Range , MI - friend - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Kelly, Jason, Mike & Families; So sorry to hear of your loss of you dad. You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Shelly (Matchett) Kaminski & Family - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Jill and Family,
We are saddened to hear of your loss. We will remember and always be thankful to Rod for making your life happy and for being a wonderful husband and father to you. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
DeeDee, Kevin and Erin*

DeeDee and Kevin Maki - Trimpuntain, MI - friend - June 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

Jill Welty Charlier - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Had many very good time's together at the mine, and after work. Such a good man. Will be missed. God bless.....*

Mike Weber - Iron Mountain, MI - Friend from yrs ago at the mine. - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jill and John, I am so sorry for your loss. Though I only met your husband once or twice, John talked about him a lot at school. I know you have a lot of wonderful memories that your family has shared together. Bless you, Siri

Siri Sholten - Sagola, MI - friend - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Jill and John, and family, Meg and I are so sincerely sorry to here of Rods passing. He was well liked and loved by many. His sense of humor was wondrous and refreshing. If you need anything please don't hesitate to call upon us. We, along with many others will miss him dearly. His spirit will live on! Love yous!

Suzanne and Megan Kafka - Friends - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Kelly, Jason, Mike and Family, I was so shocked to hear of your dad's passing. I have alot of great memories of him when we were younger. He was a great man and will be greatly missed.

Sean and Jessica Blockland - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ we are very sorry for the loss of dear rodney. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. We are very thankful for our time and recent visits with him.

tom and sandy - friend - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Auntie Jill and Cousin John

There are no words that can express my sorrow to you both. I'm glad I was able to see Uncle Rod when he was here in Marquette. He will be greatly missed by us all. He never forgot my birthday because our dates were so close and I'll forever remember his each year.

I know Uncle Rod experienced a great deal of suffering since he was diagnosed with cancer. I pray that you will find comfort in knowing that he is no longer in any pain.

Love you both;

Bridget, Roger, Hudson & Travis.

Bridget Uren - Ishpeming, MI - niece - June 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Kelly, Jason, Mike & Family, We were so sorry to hear of your loss.

May the love of your friends and family bring you peace and strength. Love & prayers be with each of you.

Marcie Lucas & Scott - Freind of the family - June 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM