



Rodney Ralph Woodward

July 18, 1954 - February 15, 2022

Rodney R. "Woody" Woodward, 67, of Channing, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Woody was born in Gaylord, MI on July 18, 1954, to the late Ralph and Patricia (Rich) Woodward. In 1972, he graduated from Vanderbilt High School. Woody married Karen Coonrod in Sagola on April 2, 1977. He worked 28 years for Fredrickson Oil before buying it out in 2004. Woody owned and operated the business for another 8 years before his cancer diagnosis prompted him to sell in 2012. He finished his working career for Superior Specialized Carriers. He was also proud of his many years as Fire Chief for the Sagola Township Fire Department and as a first responder for Star Ambulance.

Woody's sense of humor and infectious laugh will always be remembered. He also enjoyed spending time fishing, snowmobiling, camping, and most importantly, spending time with his family.

Woody is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Karen; children, Jennifer (Rodney) Klotz, Travis (Kristin) Woodward, Rodney (Lana) Woodward Jr., and Andrew (Britney) Woodward; 17 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; brother, Rocky (Kathy) Woodward; mother-in-law, Leona Coonrod; and many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a great grandchild, Wade Johnson; and his father-in-law, Donald Coonrod.

A Celebration of Life will be at the Sagola Community Building, 306 1st Street, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022.

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

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 19. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sagola Community Building
306 1st Street
Sagola, MI

Tribute Wall

LW

“ So sorry to hear of Rod’s passing. I have fond memories of him and field trips, his hearty voice and wonderful laugh. I know his family will miss him greatly.
Lynne Wilson

Lynne Wilson - February 18, 2022 at 12:27 AM

RR

“ Karen, children, grand children, Rocky and the whole Channing community we want to offer our condolences on your loss. Cousin Rod was a very special man and we have many fond memories of him. We were just talking about him on Valentine’s Day with my 93 year old mother. Jeri and I remember stopping to visit you guys and Rod riding his motorcycle out to help us find your house wearing shorts, muscleman t-shirt and a cowboy hat. We sure will miss him.
Russ/Jeri

Russ Rich - February 17, 2022 at 02:23 PM

MH

So sorry for your loss!! Thoughts & prayers for you Karen and your family. My memories of hanging out in Channing will always contain the Coonrod & Woodward families!! May God comfort you and your family during the difficult time!!

Mars Hering - February 17, 2022 at 10:25 PM

MO

“ *Karen and family -
Rod has been a happy part of my memories for a very long time,
whether it was while we were gathered at his parents home while
our dads played music together, or camping during the summer. He
always had a joke to keep everyone laughing. And you know he
always had more concern for others than for himself and he will be
missed. Hugs and love to you all!*

MeLissa (Head) Olson - February 17, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the
family of Rodney Ralph Woodward.*



February 17, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Rodney Ralph Woodward.*



February 17, 2022 at 08:35 AM

DO

“ *He was always a special person to all. He made working with him
as a bus driver such a pleasure to be around.*

Donna - February 16, 2022 at 07:20 PM

DE

Rodney lit up a room with his infectious smile, wit and wonderful personality. I looked forward to seeing him when you all came to Greenleafs to eat. What a very Special human being!! Your Family has my sincere sympathies. I will miss him. Life seems so unfair at times. Please know your family will be in my prayers.

Dean - February 17, 2022 at 09:33 AM