



Roger D. Hamilton

September 24, 1940 - January 29, 2025

Roger D. Hamilton, 84, of Iron Mountain, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Optalis Health & Rehabilitation of Kingsford.

Roger Hamilton was born on September 24, 1940, in Milwaukee, WI, to the late Donald and Rose (Knaus) Hamilton. He attended the Jesu School through eighth grade and graduated from St. John's High School in Milwaukee in 1958.

Although he was born in Milwaukee, Roger spent all his summers with his grandparents on the family farm in Hurontown near Houghton. He often said that those summers were the happiest times of his youth.

Roger was a gifted athlete who excelled in baseball and basketball in high school, earning the nickname "Crazy 8". He umpired semi-pro baseball and bowled professionally but left that all behind when he was reintroduced to what he called "The greatest game on Earth," golf.

Roger was a member of Pine Grove Country Club and Apache Wells in Mesa, Arizona, amassing six hole-in-ones throughout his golfing career.

Roger started his professional career as a salesman, worked in construction, and at one time owned and operated the Tastee-Freez in Iron Mountain. After

working for H&R Block, Roger decided to start his own accounting and tax practice in 1974, which featured in-home tax preparation. He eventually opened his office on Carpenter Avenue and retired in 2019.

It was during a tax appointment that Roger met a pretty redhead and later that day asked out on a date. Many dates later, Roger married Cheryl (Cheri) Patterson, his “Bride” and best friend, on December 11, 1982, at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain. They enjoyed forty-two years of laughter and love.

Roger and Cheri enjoyed traveling south for the winter months, leading them to Mesa, Arizona, where they purchased their “home away from home.” Roger also enjoyed watching western movies, the Green Bay Packers, the Chicago Cubs, yard care in Michigan, and maintaining his fruit trees in Arizona.

Roger loved babies; it didn’t matter how little, he always wanted to hold them. Another passion of Roger's was cars. Cheri accompanied him to numerous car lots, “just to look.” He eventually purchased his dream car, a 1936 Ford Roadster Convertible. His greatest joy was entertaining friends and family with backyard BBQs, grilling his famous steaks.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Cheryl; his children, Ann Marie (Cliff) Fallon, Wendy (Michael) Moe, Susan (Jason) Wheeler, Angela (Nicholas) Gayan and Michael (Megan) Anderson; a sister, Marilyn Marks; his mother-in-law, Evelyn Patterson; a brother-in-law, Jerry Kuester (Donna); grandchildren Tyler (Aimee), Kellen (Alex), Chamara (Luke), Emma (Taylor), Abby, Casie (Samuel), Cameo (Joshua), Liam, Tiberius, Preston, Phillip, Charlie, Wesley, Wenton, Wendrew, Raina; and 13 great-grandchildren (with one on the way). He also leaves behind numerous relatives and friends, especially Bruce and Caroline LeBlanc, who did so much for Roger.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law, Claude Patterson; a brother-in-law, Richard Marks; and a sister-in-law, Peggy Kuester.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm on Friday, February 7th at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home, 901 Carpenter Avenue in Iron Mountain followed by a 5:00 pm service at the funeral home. Msgr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

Roger's family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the staff at Optalis especially his favorite caregiver, Tanisha, who could handle his sass with her own.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Roger D. Hamilton online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
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Service

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Tribute Wall

LD

“ Dear Cheri and family,
We had many wonderful memories with you and Roger. Whether it be meals together, time on the patio, or discussing current movies, you always made us feel like family and we had fun. We'll always remember our New Year's Eve celebration together (see picture), the twinkle in Roger's eye before he started feeling bad, and how he loved you and his family. He will be missed! Our condolences as you go through this tough time.



Larry & Jane Davidson - February 08, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LS

“ We had many shared friends parties together. Will always have fond memories of Roger. You got to feel you knew them both for a life time and not just occasional gatherings. He will be missed

Lloyd and Pat Siebert - February 06, 2025 at 07:07 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger D. Hamilton.

February 06, 2025 at 06:34 PM

DM

“ Heartfelt condolences Cheri to you and your Family. Have wonderful memories of our years of friendship....Markells’s, Hedlund’s, Mannigel’s & Hamilton’s are treasured. Death holds a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Love & prayers my friend. Donna Mannigel

Dinns Mannigel - February 05, 2025 at 04:01 PM

KC

“ Kingsford Athletic Booster Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roger D. Hamilton.



Kingsford Athletic Booster Club - February 05, 2025 at 02:25 PM

CG

“ Dear Cheri and Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Roger. He loved his family more than anything. Please know we are thinking about you and send our deepest sympathy to you and the family

Cynthia and Rod Gordon - February 05, 2025 at 12:12 PM

JF

Jim and I lived 4 doors from Roger and Cheri and enjoyed many outings to the Horny Toad in cave creek. Grateful for those good times!

jim and Maggie filkins - February 10, 2025 at 08:12 PM

MJ

Our sincere sympathy. Lyle @Margie Johnson Apache Wells

margie Johnson - February 11, 2025 at 07:16 PM

WG

“ With Love, Amy and Julie, Paul and Glenn purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Roger D. Hamilton.



With Love, Amy and Julie, Paul and Glenn - February 03, 2025 at 06:41 PM

WG

“ With Love, Amy and Julie, Paul and Glenn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger D. Hamilton.

With Love, Amy and Julie, Paul and Glenn - February 03, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Roger D. Hamilton.



February 03, 2025 at 08:57 AM



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