



Roger George Kuzak

July 15, 1945 - November 18, 2023

Roger George Kuzak, 78, of Sagola passed away in the early hours of Saturday, November 18, 2023.

Roger was born on July 15, 1945, in Chicago, IL, son of the late John and Alice (Colas) Kuzak. He graduated from Channing High School in 1963 where he met his future wife, Estelle, whom he married on June 27th, 1964. Roger shortly joined the Milwaukee Railroad, but when they sold its tracks north of Green Bay, he joined the Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad. Roger worked as a conductor, an engineer, and a supervisor of locomotive engineers, before retiring as an engineer in 2009. After retirement, Roger's favorite place to be was working out in the woods with his good friend and business partner, Terry John McDonald.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Deann (Dee Dee) and Dale Johnson; his son and daughter-in-law, John and Faith Kuzak; a younger brother, Mike (Connie) Kuzak; four grandchildren, Kristel (Brett) Trombley, Katie (Ryan) Lorentzen, Donavon Kuzak, and Robert Kuzak; 2 great-grandchildren, Stella and Vera; a special niece, Nikki Kuzak; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Roger was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Kuzak; his father, John Kuzak; his wife, Estelle Kuzak; his son, Robert Kuzak; his sister, Venessa

Kuzak; and his special friend, Donna Pouliot.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2023, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church in Sagola with a memorial service at 3:00 pm and a luncheon to follow at the church. Roger's nephew, Chris Kuzak, will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Roger George Kuzak may be expressed 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

DEC 3. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Grace Presbyterian Church
309 First St.
Sagola, MI 49815

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Sagola, MI 49815

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Roger was a dear friend of my parents and Aunt Donna. He surely will be missed. - Kevin and Melissa Johnson

Kevin and Melissa Johnson - December 18, 2023 at 09:53 AM

PD

“ To Dee Dee JW--and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you



Peter Dishaw - December 07, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Roger George Kuzak.



December 03, 2023 at 06:32 PM

MM

“ Mick and Jere Merrill planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger George Kuzak.

Mick and Jere Merrill - December 01, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Roger George Kuzak.*



December 01, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Edeus Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roger George Kuzak.*



Edeus Family - November 29, 2023 at 10:47 AM



“ *I will miss Roger dearly,all those years working on the Channing to Ontanagon turn on the E&LS railroad,all those long hours,usually 12 plus hours,usually went a little faster as we talked alot about the railroad, logging,Sagola township history and memories of the past,he knew alot if the local history.On the railroad ,he was always looking out for you,would make suggestions to save you time and extra work when switching or spotting pulpwood railcars in sidings with snow sometimes 4 ft.deep and 6 feet high at the road crossings, safety was his priority! He always looked after you,he was such a good friend all these years, i will miss him,my sympathies to all. Pat Clark*

Pat Clark - November 29, 2023 at 10:45 AM

TS

“ Got to work with Rodger for maybe a year and a half, I can say he taught this "cub" well, never put you down or anything like that, he'd shake his head at you once in a while, he was a class act through and through, used to love working with him anywhere, but the best times were running up the o&b, just a great all round guy, you will be missed, pulled off a dutch drop in o falls on that Sunday, told my conductor we had someone smiling down on us, we lost a good one, deepest sympathies to the kuzack family, god bless, tom st.onge and family

Tom st.onge - November 22, 2023 at 11:29 PM

LI

“ We are so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. He will be in our memories as the very special person that he was. He was also such a special friend to our son Pat, he will be missed. Len & Sue (Feak) Ivey

Len & Sue Ivey - November 21, 2023 at 10:32 PM

TK

“ We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your father Dee Dee. Our deepest sympathies go out to you all.



Ted & Caren Kowalski - November 21, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roger George Kuzak.

November 21, 2023 at 09:54 AM

CJ

“ *Carl And Bonnie Johnson lit a candle in memory of Roger George Kuzak*



Carl and Bonnie Johnson - November 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM

TO

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Roger's passing. We grew up with him. He was the kindest person we knew. He always cared for the people around him. Tim and barbara(McCole) Olson*

Tim olson - November 20, 2023 at 01:30 PM