



Roger F. LeDuc

March 1, 1938 - December 15, 2024

Roger F. LeDuc, 86, of Kingsford, MI, passed away Sunday, December 15, 2024, at home with family at his side after a battle with cancer.

Roger was born March 1, 1938, in Spalding, MI, son of the late Francis and Mildred (Preaseau) LeDuc. Roger was a graduate of Marquette High School, Class of 1956. He obtained his teaching degree and a Master's Degree of Education from Northern Michigan University, where he met the love of his life, Sue. He married Suzanne Peterson on August 12, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ishpeming.

Roger taught and coached in downstate Breckenridge before he and Sue moved their family to Kingsford in 1967. Roger taught physical education and health at Kingsford Middle and High schools, and found great joy in coaching golf, many years of boys basketball and many years of girls basketball. Roger was a no-nonsense teacher and coach, but his students and players knew that he loved them and had their best interests in mind. He imparted not only knowledge and skills, but perhaps more importantly, life lessons about making good choices, reaching goals and living a life of integrity. As much as he loved basketball (and he loved basketball!) he reminded his players and himself that, "Basketball is a little game in the big game of life." (With that said, we note that he risked his life more than once driving through UP winters to make it to a game!) Roger was a member of Pine Grove Country Club, loved to golf,

and spent countless hours there with Sue and friends. He knew every inch of those 18 holes and made many memories at the 19th hole! He was a faithful Detroit Lions fan through thick and thin (mostly thin!) and enjoyed their recent success, even enjoying their most recent win over the Packers! Loyal to the Detroit Tigers and MSU Spartans, he and his brother Gordy had a special relationship with Tom Izzo, attending numerous games and helping several summers at MSU basketball camps. Roger and some of his best buddies had a regular “coffee club” at Burger King, where they hashed over everything sports. He enjoyed going to coffee with the guys! Roger was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, who put family first. He enjoyed attending his kids activities as well as those of his grand and great grandkids. Roger was a faithful member of American Martyrs Church, trusting in Jesus as his savior.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sue; a son, Mark (Jenny) LeDuc of Livonia; a daughter, Carrie (Joe) Meeuwsen of Norway; a brother, Gordon (Kay) LeDuc of Marquette; 7 grandchildren, Megan (Brian) Guindon, John Meeuwsen, Lexie (Logan) Fish, Jake Meeuwsen, Boris Meeuwsen, Peter Meeuwsen and Rhiannon Meeuwsen; and 2 great-grandchildren, Cedric and Veda Guindon.

Roger was preceded in death by a sister, JoAnn Aiken.

The family would like to thank the staff at Marshfield/Dickinson ER and medical floor, Dr Morel and staff, Drs Audrey and Beau Poquette, the staff of Optalis Health & Rehab, staff at UP Health Systems Hospice, MI/WI Family Practice staff, and a special thanks to Dr Kristi Olson, one of his former basketball players, who gave Roger excellent, compassionate care to the very end.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 19th at

the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 20th at American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford. Msgr. Joseph Gouin will offer a Mass of Christian Burial.

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

Condolences to the family of Roger F. LeDuc may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church
908 W. Sagola Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

EN

“ Roger was one of the most jovial human beings that I had the pleasure to be around from time to time. He and Sue were so welcoming to our family whenever we visited the Kingsford area.

Truly one of the really "good guys" who will be missed.

Sending a big hug to Sue and the whole LeDuc family.

Eric & Tracy Nichols

Eric Nichols - December 23, 2024 at 07:58 PM

TK

“ To Sue & family, was so sorry to hear of Coaches passing, of all the coaches I ever played for (there have been many) he ranks near the top of the list, I loved coming home & golf with him , just being around him was great . We were so lucky to have him in our life.

Tim Kearney

Tim Kearney - December 21, 2024 at 06:29 PM

TH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great teacher and a very kind man. He was always smiling, and he had a way about him of quiet encouragement. I am grateful to have known him and to have been his student. Prayers and thoughts for Sue and all of the family.

Love,

Theresa Ozzello

Theresa - December 19, 2024 at 08:26 PM

KO

“ *What a class act! On and off the court always felt Coach was great at supporting and teaching life lessons. So many true and amazing sayings he had. Still use some of them in my day to day encounters. I remember so many times at practice him reminding us of how we would miss basketball when it was gone, so true. He always reminded us to work hard but also to enjoy it. Such a great life teaching lesson.*

Prayers and thoughts out to the family of this amazing man. He will be missed. We will meet again one day.

*All my love,
Kristi Olson*

Kristi Olson - December 18, 2024 at 06:17 PM

MS

“ *May god be with the LeDuc family. Coach LeDuc was a great man. Many fond memories of one-on-one conversations in coach's man cave in the Junior High.*

Mark Sandberg, class of 77.

Mark Sandberg - December 18, 2024 at 06:00 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Jessica, Becca Jessica and Julie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Roger F. LeDuc.*



Love, Jessica, Becca Jessica and Julie - December 18, 2024 at 02:27 PM

TR

“ Tom Reid purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Roger F. LeDuc.



Tom Reid - December 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

TR

“ Tom Reid planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger F. LeDuc.

Tom Reid - December 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

GN

“ What a great man Roger was with my children at KHS. And then their is Sue who was the ultimate secretary with Mary Johnson. My children were loved and cared for like a family. Roger was the best coach my daughters had. He taught them great lessons and forgiveness when they made a mistake. ugg Can't tell. LOVE to all the family

Gayle Nault - December 18, 2024 at 12:39 PM

JA

“ *Dear Sue and Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear of Roger's passing. Coaching basketball together at Kingsford High School almost 40 years ago was a treasured experience, and I will always appreciate his friendship and support during that time. Please know that my thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

With heartfelt condolences,

Jamie Angeli

Jamie Angeli - December 17, 2024 at 08:24 PM

DR

I appreciated all the teaching and great attitude with all the people in gym classes for so many years. Raised great kids Carrie and Mark and was evident in all my interactions with them and playing tennis with Mark. Prayers for the whole family. Look forward to our reunion in heaven.

Dan Rittenhouse - December 18, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger F. LeDuc.*



December 17, 2024 at 01:54 PM

YF

“ *your Friends & Family at Ford purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Roger F. LeDuc.*



your Friends & Family at Ford - December 17, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Roger F. LeDuc.*



December 17, 2024 at 11:41 AM



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

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