



Ronald P. Sage

August 4, 1938 - January 28, 2026

Ronald Parker Sage, 87, of Kingsford, MI, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2026, after a battle with numerous health conditions.

Ron was born on August 4, 1938, in Pontiac, Michigan. After high school graduation, he attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan, for his undergraduate degree in Geology. Following Michigan Tech, he completed his master's degree from the Colorado School of Mines and then his doctorate in Geology from Carlton University in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

While Ron worked in numerous positions throughout the United States and Canada, his passion for fieldwork geology inspired him to accept a position with the Ontario Geological Survey (OGS) where he worked for over 30 years until retirement. During his years with the OGS, he managed multiple field crews throughout Northern Ontario and authored numerous publications for those in the field. In 1997 Ron was recognized for his contributions to Lake Superior Geology when he received the S. S. Goldich Medal from the Institute on Lake Superior Geology.

During his time in Rochester, Minnesota, he met Carol Raebiger, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They were married on December 18, 1974, in Canada. During their 51 years of marriage, they raised their son, Douglas,

and their two daughters, Victoria and Alexandra, and welcomed six grandchildren into their family.

Ron was also an active and skilled ballroom dancer and had successfully traced his personal ancestry to the Revolutionary War period and before.

Preceding Ron in death were both of his parents, Lloyd and Leona (Parker) Sage, as well as his brother-in-law, Joseph Shovels.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Carol; son, Douglas (Deborah Lane) of Kingsford, MI; daughter, Victoria (Joshua Kaplewski) of Florence, WI; daughter, Alexandra (Bart Kirslenlohr) of Kingsford, MI; grandchildren, Russell Sage, Olivia Sage, Isaac Sage, Natalie Kaplewski, Matthew Kirslenlohr, and Edmund Kirslenlohr; sister, Karen (the late Joseph Shovels) of Flushing, MI; a brother, Jonathon Sage of Grand Portage, MN a niece, Kathleen (Shovels) Miller of Henderson, MI; and a nephew, Joseph Shovels, Jr. of Oakland Park, FL.

The family would like to thank the kind caregivers at Evergreen Assisted Living in Kingsford, Michigan, and Florence Health Services in Florence, Wisconsin.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 5, 2026, at St. Mary, Queen of Peace Church with Fr. Mike Woempner officiating.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Ronald Parker Sage online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron

Mountain with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 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/>

Memorial Mass

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church
600 Marquette Blvd
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-6122

Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald P. Sage



Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - February 04 at 10:35 AM

DB

“ I met Ron when he hired me to work on Operation Ignace Armstrong. Next was the mapping of the Slate Islands and then on to the Carbonate project. I so enjoyed working with Ron's team. Ron had a huge influence on my career and indeed my life. A true gentleman, scientist and a friend. Cheryl and I send our sincere condolences to Carol and the Family. David and Cheryl Bathe

David Bathe - February 11 at 06:31 PM

AB

“ Anthony Kaplewski and Maryna Bolukh-Kapl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ronald P. Sage.

Anthony Kaplewski and Maryna Bolukh-Kapl - February 05 at 01:33 AM

TS

“ *The Ontario Geological Survey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ronald P. Sage.*



The Ontario Geological Survey - February 03 at 11:33 AM

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The Ontario Geological Survey - February 03 at 11:33 AM

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“ *I worked with Ron at the Ontario Geological Survey and he was both a stellar geoscientist and a fine gentleman. He was a leader to many of us and we think fondly of him whenever we hear his name or come across it in the geoscientific literature - much of which Ron wrote. A wonderful mentor and person. Sincerest condolences.*

Brian Berdusco - February 02 at 03:13 PM

PK

“ *Paul and Monica Kaplewski purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ronald P. Sage.*



Paul and Monica Kaplewski - January 30 at 10:22 PM

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