



Ted "Rip" Kimichick

September 4, 1940 - October 23, 2016

Ted "Rip" Kimichick, 76, of Kingsford, passed away on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at HCR Manorcare Rehab Center in Kingsford. He was born on September 4, 1940 in Vulcan, Michigan, son of the late Tedi G. and Helen (Braspennickx) Kimichick, Sr. He attended school in the Vulcan area, graduating from Vulcan High School .Where he was president of his class. He went on to attend Northern Michigan University where he received his Associate's Degree in Business. Rip went to work for National Laboratories, retiring in 1993 as the District Manager after 24 years. He married Patricia Ann James on June 1, 1963, and she preceded him in death on July 20, 1996. They were married 33 years. He took pride living in the center of his rental properties. Also, his meticulously maintained Cadillacs and Harleys all of which were adorned in chrome.

Rip moved briefly for work to Iowa in his younger years, returning to the area to raise his family. He was a member of the American Martyr's Catholic Church, the Iron Mountain Jaycee's, and the Elks Club. His true passion was riding his Harley Davidson. He has attended the rally in Sturgis, South Dakota at least 20 times. He was also a member of the Long Riders and the Pleasure Riders and ABATE. Another passion of his was shooting pool. He played in many leagues in the area ,and in many places. He was the area's Top Shooter for many years, including being still on top at the age of 75. He loved spending time with family and friends, especially his grandchildren. Never

missing the opportunity to attend one of their sporting events or concerts, unless it conflicted with pool league. He shared his organizational skills and pride in a job well done with all.

His faith in his doctors and his will to remain here with his family and many friends was unshakeable. Through it all his positive attitude was inspiring to all.

Rip is survived by his daughters, Tricia (Todd) McCole of Kingsford and Tara (Bruce) Laing of Spread Eagle, WI; his girlfriend, Irene LaFave of Escanaba; Five grandchildren, Joshua, Elli, and Nickolas McCole, Bryce Marie (Tanner) Laing-Chouinard, and Hunter James Laing; a brother, Randy (Dianne) Kimichick. And one nephew Ryan Kimichick.

The visitation will be held on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate. Burial will be in Dickinson County Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Todd McCole, Bruce Laing, Josh McCole, Nick McCole, Hunter Laing, Randy Kimichick, and Ryan Kimichick.

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

Condolences to the family of Ted "Rip" Kimichick 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.

Cemetery Details

Dickinson County Memorial Gardens

Hwy U.S. 2
Iron Mountain, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ I was shocked when Beverly Lake of Niagra, WI notified me of my cousin Rip's death. When we last talked on the phone, he mentioned a 200 mile ride with his dear lady, Irene. My heart goes out to her, Rip's daughters, and his brother, Randy. The happy memories, that we enjoyed at the Kimichick household, will be fondly remembered as long as I'm around. I loved Ted's parents dearly. I knew Bob Braspennickx, and his parents from 1948 in Detroit. Now, both of them are gone. From this motorcycle rider, to the family of his favorite cousin, may you always travel with the sun on your face, and the wind at your back. Irene, Ted never passed up an opportunity to tell me how much he loved you. So, we do, too ! Sincerely, Dan & Kathy Braspennickx of Baltimore, Maryland

Dan Braspennickx - October 30, 2016 at 06:44 PM

DB

Dan's cell : (443) 844-2493

Dan Braspennickx - October 30, 2016 at 06:47 PM

AS

“ So sad to learn of Rip's passing. He was a wonderful biker buddy and I will really miss his updates. Rest in peace RIP....I'm sure you'll find the highways up in heaven perfect for cruisin'.



Al (harleyriderone) Salmi - October 28, 2016 at 10:06 PM

KP

“ I met "Rip" many years ago playing pool for the C&R.He was on C&R 1 , we were C&R 2
I was no where near is caliber of pool players so it was pretty much a given when I played against him I would lose.One year both teams were fighting for 1st place. Our two teams had to play off for 1st place. Tension was high.I didn't have a chance at winning against Rip but how I wanted to win .It came down to our turn. I knew how it would go.With heavy heart I broke . It was a sloppy break leaving Rip with a mess. He was really disgusted as he was very good at running the table. True to Rip he cleaned up my mess really well. I was able to get one more shot and I missed leaving the 8 ball on the rail (nobody likes to see that) His turn for the win. He made a valiant effort but unfortunately the cue followed the 8 ball into the pocket.In my mind there was disbelief. I WON! But it was an empty win as he had played so well and lost by his on hand.He shook my hand, I will never forget the look he gave me. His eyes showed the disgust he had with himself,but,he gave me a little grin. I'll remember that grin the rest of my life.Thanks for the memories,Rip. Kathy Peterson.

kathy peterson - October 27, 2016 at 09:33 PM

LR

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for all . I had the pleasure of hanging out with Rip and Irene-we had great fun. Rip also shared childhood memories of my father and I will always treasure those. I hope family and friends treasure your precious memories of Rip.

Lynn Recla - October 27, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ted "Rip" Kimichick.*



October 27, 2016 at 10:49 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of your dad/grandad's passing. Our thoughts are with you all.*
Heather and Mike LaVarnway

Heather LaVarnway - October 26, 2016 at 05:36 PM



“ *Randy and family of Ted Kimichik,*

We were deeply saddened to hear Ted "Rip" was called to his eternal rest. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Because of a prior commitment, we will not be able to attend the visitation or service. Please know we are thinking of you with our deepest sympathy.

John and Mary Kimichik

John & Mary Kimichik - October 26, 2016 at 04:05 PM



“ *Tricia, all of my love and thoughts to you and your family during this difficult time. Your father sounds like he was a wonderful man who was dearly loved.*

Leigh Otten - October 26, 2016 at 11:27 AM