



## Wayne H. Kangas

June 5, 1949 - April 19, 2020

Wayne Kangas, 70, of Kingsford, formerly of Ishpeming, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020, at home under the loving care of his wife of 50 years, Dianne, and OSF Hospice.

Wayne was born June 5, 1949, in Negaunee to Sulo and Aili (Olgren) Kangas. He graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1967. He retired from Cleveland Cliffs in 2007 after 30 years. Wayne served in the U.S. Army from May 1969 to April 1971. He completed NCO School and was a Sergeant in Vietnam, earning a Combat Infantry Badge.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Dianne (Manier) Kangas; son, Jason (Jodi) Kangas of Iron Mountain; daughter, Michelle (Joshua) Sampson of Wilson; four grandchildren, Reece and Oskar Kangas and Jesse and Emma Sampson; brother, Edward (Debra) Kangas; sisters, Eadie Salmio and Dorothy Hauta Kangas, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Arthur Kangas, and brother-in-law Leroy Salmio.

In honor of Wayne's wishes, there will be a private ceremony at a later date.

The family would like to thank Wayne's friends for the visits, phone calls, and

words of encouragement. A special thank you to DCHS Oncology and Home Health, and to OSF Hospice, Dr. Schroeder, and Heather Hayes PAC.

Condolences to the family of Wayne Kangas may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com)

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

# Tribute Wall

LF

“ Sorry for your loss, Dianne. Deepest sympathies. God Bless. --  
Linda Featherstone

Linda Featherstone - April 27, 2020 at 01:14 PM

AH

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss Diane and  
family. God bless. Annie Hill



annie hill - April 25, 2020 at 08:44 PM

DJ

“ Sorry for your loss. When I got hired at Cleveland Cliffs, Wayne was  
really helpful and made it easier for me to adjust to my new job.

Devon Johnson - April 25, 2020 at 03:58 PM

SS

“ Sorry Wayne is gone but he will never be forgotten. I got to know  
Wayne when I worked at the VFW 4573 in Ishpeming. He was an  
awesome guy that was always doing something for his fellow Vets,  
he was always full of humor and just seemed to enjoy life! Rest In  
Peace Wayne.

Steve Skauge - April 25, 2020 at 01:54 PM

RS

Dianne & Family, Sending our Deepest Sympathies. Take Gentle Care  
during this difficult time. Roberta & Glenn Sjolholm

Roberta Sjolholm - April 25, 2020 at 02:01 PM

DW

“ I was with my sister Aili, Wayne's Mom, when Wayne was born.  
*Dorothy Worgull*

**Dorothea Worgull** - April 25, 2020 at 09:33 AM

SB

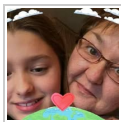
“ We're so sorry to hear the news of Wayne. What a great guy! We loved his easy going manner and his wonderful sense of humor. Despite his health issues, he'd still be out there to help plow the road during the bad storms. It couldn't have been easy for him to do that. He was kind to our dogs and our kids. He will be missed by many. Thinking of you during this sad time and the difficult days ahead.

**Shelly & Stephen Bailey** - April 24, 2020 at 03:53 PM

LK

“ Many good memories of our children growing up , attending sporting and school events together many laughs and fun at the dead river camp. He will greatly missed by us all and we offer our condolences to Diane, Jason Jodi and family, Shelly Josh and family.  
*With our deepest sadness and sympathy, Larry and Nancy Kiviniemi*

**Larry Kiviniemi** - April 23, 2020 at 08:16 PM



*Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Dianne and Jason, Jodi, Shelly, Josh and their children. We will cherish the many fond memories of the wonderful friendship we had with Wayne. We will miss him dearly. He was a caring and compassionate friend and was always there when help was needed.*

*Heartfelt sympathy, John and Susie Rader*

**Marietta Susie Rader** - April 24, 2020 at 11:37 AM

DB

“ Wayne was a very good man and honor to have worked with him.  
*Rest In Peace*

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**Doug Brazeau** - April 23, 2020 at 04:00 PM