



## Richard Stanek

October 6, 1942 - February 10, 2023

KINGSFORD- Richard James Stanek age 80 of Kingsford, died Friday, February 10, 2023 at Caraton Commons Assisted Living Community in DePere, WI.

He was born on October 6, 1942 in Milwaukee, WI., the son of the late Stanley and Victoria (Rysiewicz) Stanek.

Richard graduated from Vulcan High School in 1961 and started working at Lake Shore, then the City of Norway and Northland Grocers until they closed. He finished his working career at the First National Bank in Iron Mountain.

He married Judith Sleik on January 17, 1994 in Las Vegas, NV.

He loved music and was a lifelong accordion player. During his lifetime he was in many bands, played for many occasions and for thousands of people.

Richie enjoyed feeding the birds, rabbits and deer in his yard, going to his grandkids concerts and watching their sporting events.

Richie was a very funny guy and loved everyone. Anytime you would see him he always had a smile on his face. He will be missed.

Richard is survived by his wife Judith; sons Mark (Annette) Stanek, Ron (Mary McNamara) Stanek, Dan (Christina) Stanek and Scott Stanek; step sons Mark (Amy Carpenter) Sleik, and David (Sandy Fontecchio) Sleik; step daughters Wendy (Dino Watts) Sleik and Sherry (Brooke) Huettl; grandchildren Sarah (John) Kane, Matthew, Austin, Samuel, Ryan and Alex Stanek, Vanessa (Jeff) Mitchell, Erica (Tim) Coda, Dustin and Amanda Sleik, Tony (Shannon) Sleik, Melissa (Steve Solberg) Wilson, Sydney (Becky Wolverton) Lobner and Jacob (Olivia Oliver) Lobner; great grandchildren Jamison and August, Kaelyn, Jace, Jaxon, David, Paige, Eleanor, Oliver and Malia; special friends Edith Sleik, Melissa Sleik, Sarah Recla and Brian Lobner; several brothers and sisters in-law, nieces and cousins.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers Stanley and Robert Stanek; a grandson Matt Neumann; and a son-in-law Tom Loomis.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 18 from 9-11 a.m. at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. with Rev. Matthew Ruesch, pastor of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kingsford, officiating.

Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
(906) 563-5700  
ortmanfuneralhome@norwaymi.com  
<https://www.ortmanfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ortman Funeral Home  
618 Norway Street  
P.O. Box 155  
Norway, MI 49870  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Richie was a friend of my father, Richard Gazza. We would visit Richie when I was younger and he was always so kind. Someone in my life I always would ask others how he was doing. He had a big heart and a people person. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Know that he touched more people with his music, smile, and kindness. Likely playing a tune or two up above.*

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**Dean Gazza** - February 17, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Stanek.*



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February 17, 2023 at 09:09 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Stanek.*



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February 16, 2023 at 04:14 PM

ST

“ Susan Tinti lit a candle in memory of Richard Stanek



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**Susan Tinti** - February 16, 2023 at 01:01 AM

JC

“ I met Richie when he played music with my grandfather, Ernest "Swamp" Tomassoni. Richie was not only talented but was also a very nice, kind person. My sympathies are sent to his family.

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**Joy Carlson** - February 15, 2023 at 05:29 PM

JF

“ Dear Judy and family  
I am sorry to hear of the passing of my good friend Richie. I loved visiting with him when I mowed the lawn. He would always make me laugh. A GOOD MAN!! Always happy and fun to talk to. I enjoyed hearing about his days playing in the band.  
I offer my condolences to Richie's family.  
My sympathy and prayers.  
Sincerely  
Jimmy Fornetti

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**Jim Fornetti** - February 15, 2023 at 02:40 PM

SM

“ Sharon, Kim & Kev, Kevin, Karmen & Mike purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Richard Stanek.




Sharon, Kim & Kev, Kevin, Karmen & Mike - February 15, 2023 at 02:16 PM

LS

“ Love, Michelle, Tom, Shea & Sam purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard Stanek.



Love, Michelle, Tom, Shea & Sam - February 15, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Richard Stanek.



February 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM

TI

“ Tim and Jane Ista purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Richard Stanek.



Tim and Jane Ista - February 14, 2023 at 10:59 AM

WS

“ WEC Energy Group - Physical Security purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Richard Stanek.



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**WEC Energy Group - Physical Security** - February 14, 2023 at 08:05 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Richard Stanek.



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February 13, 2023 at 06:33 PM

PH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Stanek family. Richie was the nicest man I have ever met. Rest in Peace Richie, I will remember you always.*

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**Paula Hilbert** - February 11, 2023 at 01:32 PM

MA

*A dozen of an arrangement of White Roses in beautiful vase were sent to Ron Stanek's Home from a family friend ~ Kelli Kuester from Phoenix Arizona*

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**mary** - February 14, 2023 at 06:47 PM

PB

*My sympathy to the Stanek family. I don't know if I have ever met a kinder, nicer or more humble man. Always had time for you, a pleasure to talk to, and that genuine smile. We have lost a very special person. God Bless! -----Pete Bilski*

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**Peter Bilski** - February 17, 2023 at 01:32 PM