



Robert Martignon

April 12, 1951 - May 6, 2024

NORWAY- Robert Edward Martignon age 73 of Norway, died Monday, May 6, 2024 at his home in Norway, MI.

He was born on April 12, 1951 in Racine, WI, the son of the late Robert and Betty (VanLyssel) Martignon.

Robert graduated from Norway High School in 1969, received his Bachelor degree from Northern Michigan University and his Respiratory Therapist certificate from the University of Chicago.

Once school was completed, he started working for Marquette General Hospital and then moved back home to work for Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital until he retired in 2013.

Rob was a member of St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan, volunteered at Bay Cliff, taught classes about the outdoors through the Dickinson Co. Library. He enjoyed the blues and was a big fan of Blues Fest.

He was an avid outdoorsman, but his great love was fishing. He started at Vulcan Lake as a child with his uncle Norman, his favorite fishing spot for salmon was the Big Two Hearted River. Rob enjoyed sharing the fish he caught with his friends and hosting countless fish boils at his home.

Rob is survived by his brother Fr. John Martignon of Houghton; sister Sandy Johnson of Frederick, MD; nieces Carrie (Jason) Smith and Beth (Gerald) Conroy; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his uncle Norman Martignon.

Family will greet friends on Wednesday, May 15 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 15 at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church, with Monsignor Joseph Gouin and Fr. John Martignon officiating.

The Interment will follow at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Barbara's Church
159 Mission Street
Vulcan, MI 49892

Memorial Mass

MAY 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am a bit late to share this, as we were not aware of Rob's passing until we became curious about not seeing him at our camp this year. We had been sharing fishing holes with Rob for 20 years or more. We had only spoken briefly, until finally inviting him to a meal in our camp. We all became fast friends, and he joined us a few times each week for several years. He was a joy to talk to and it was obvious he was in his element and enjoyed his time on the river. This is a picture of him on a day when he showed up to dinner and gifted us a bunch of these rocks with his salmon head art. Rest in peace friend.



Tony Poynter - October 08, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ We would like to send our deepest sympathy To Robs Family and Friends. He Truly was an Incredible , Generous , Caring , Thoughtful , Loving Human Being. He Taught us To Live Life to the Fullest. We will miss you Dearly Brother Raccoon. RIP, "Tip Up"...Till We Meet Again..."Fish On" . Steve And Edie Pascoe

Steven Pascoe - June 03, 2024 at 11:07 PM



“ I actually met Ranger Rob at Bay Cliff Health Camp for adults in the summer of 1987. What an incredible, knowledgeable, and gentle soul. I re-connected with him again years later at DCH when he was taking care of my Mom. He was always so kind and a good friend. I will miss his kind soul.

Sandy Fontecchio - May 21, 2024 at 12:45 PM

CN

“ I met Ranger Rob in 2001 at Bay Cliff Health Camp. We worked together each year until 2018. He made so many wonderful memories for the campers. They all loved him! We will all miss him . The world was a better place because of him. Dr. Cheri Newman

Cheri Newman - May 20, 2024 at 09:13 PM

JT

“ It was an honor to call him my friend shared my memories so many to share hopefully see you again my condolences to the family my you rest in heaven my friend 🙏

Joe testolin - May 15, 2024 at 07:07 PM

BC

“ Rob and I worked at Dickinson Hospital together for many years. He would come to the lab where I worked with a huge warm greeting and we would talk fishing. I'm hoping he will console my wife as I lost her to dementia two weeks ago. I'm so devastated and broken hearted that I would never hold up at his service so know what's left of my heart will be with you.



Bill Cook - May 14, 2024 at 06:04 PM

PD

“ So glad you stopped by our shop & we were able to have a long visit❤️. Then you Paul & Gary spent the evening having dinner & visiting! We will miss you Egg Man! Paul & Patt Dove

Paul & Patti Dove - May 12, 2024 at 08:06 PM

RK

“ *The first time I was ever touched by Robs existence was when I came across some artwork he had drawn on a stump in the woods where I fish. Alongside the path to the water he had drawn a fly for fishing and below it said Rangers Run.*

The first time I met Rob we both just happen to be the only two people wade fishing the same stretch of shoreline on massive Lake Michigan. Adorned with fishing gear and carrying fly rods, we approached each other and shook hands. He told me his name and also said my name. I was so shocked that he knew who I was having never met him before, it made a profound and immediate impression. He remembered who I was from an article he had read in Midwest Fly Fishing Magazine. How did we ever cross paths in this universe? It turns out it was a shared passion that brought us together that day and many days after that.

I very much enjoyed his company on fishing trips and comparing fishing journal notes when we were resting up in the evenings after long hard days on the water. Even from the first day I met him he was so generous with his hard earned knowledge about everything in life. After knowing him for some years it was obvious he loved connecting with people and teaching others. I'm grateful that he introduced me to some wonderful people in our time together.

Since we lived five and half hours away in different states much of our shared time was talking to each other on the phone several days a week. He would graciously share his adventures and things he learned. So many times he would ask when I was coming over to fish or better yet move to upper Michigan so we could have more adventures.

I love you and miss you buddy, I'll see you soon.



Rob Kolakowski - May 11, 2024 at 08:45 PM

MW

“ Ranger was a fine respiratory therapist. I worked and learned alongside him 96-98 our friendship spans 28 years. He loved rocks, minerals, nmu hockey and music. Rob was a gifted fly fisherman. He loved keeping the lighthouse on stonington peninsula each summer. The Vulcan lake pike o Rama in the Hanbury hotel Always produced beautiful fish and delicious pike Sammie's as no one could catch and fillet pike like Ranger. Rob's passion was fishing for lake superior steelhead . He was an expert. Started in the 70s. Ranger was a genuine caring and talented friend to many people . I will end with saying that whenever you were robs guest whether it be the sweet dreams pop up or his home he treated you special. We watched classic movies. Chef Bob always made fabulous breakfasts of orange French toast and bacon. Cherry coffe. Real maple syrup. He always had me sleep in the crows nest on lake street which was relaxation at its best before a day on Hanbury lake in the Hanbury hotel pulling tip ups jogging pine with a Swedish pimple or pulling up spin and win . I have the fondest of memories of great human being that I genuinely consider a true friend . I pray the steelhead run and jump high hard and fast in heaven for you Rob. Keep those fish high!

mark wade - May 09, 2024 at 11:05 PM

JT

Thank you Rob for me to call you a true friend all the good times at NMU HOCKEY GAMES my God bless you my friend

Joe testolin - May 14, 2024 at 04:16 PM

JC

“ I have known Rob for 30 or more years. I worked with him at DCH and was always comfortable when he taking care one of my patients. He taught me how to fish for steelhead on Two Heart river and catch carp on Lake Michigan. We shared many fishing adventures together. He was always kind, considerate and fun to be with. I will miss him.

John Cook - May 09, 2024 at 06:07 PM

BO

“ I worked with Rob back in the 70's at MGH..such a kind person! Very sorry for your losses lately. Fish on!

Becky Oberstar - May 09, 2024 at 05:24 PM

MG

“ To the Ranger, who taught me to always squeeze the lemon of life: R.I.P. and K.Y.P.O.

With much love and respect,

Mick

Mick Gayan - May 09, 2024 at 04:24 PM

BS

“ sending my deepest sympathies and condolences to everyone in his family he will be missed by all who knew him he was a wonderful human being i will always cherish the memories we made up at Bay Cliff always and forever

Brittany Sundstrom - May 09, 2024 at 03:25 PM

MC

“ Prayers for the family, sorry for your loss

Mary Ann Cassady - May 09, 2024 at 03:08 PM

LO

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I worked with Rob for many years. He was great at his job; knowledgeable, funny, calming, and caring. Patients trusted him. He taught and tested hundreds of us for CPR training over the years. He loved rocks, especially Yooper rocks and agates. He went to the nursing homes showing his amazing Yooper lights! We were lucky enough to meet up with him at the mouth of the Two Hearted last year, pulling him away from the river and fishing to help us hunt for some good rocks. God Bless you, Rob.

Linda Opsahl - May 09, 2024 at 02:48 PM

BD

He was a kind, caring, smart man. I had the opportunity to work with him at DCHS. Rest in peace, Rob.

Brenda D - May 09, 2024 at 03:41 PM

EO

To my friend rob aka ranger will miss your companionship loved all the great times we had in the white house. Glad you got to enjoy the yooper think tank. so happy you broke in the new flyrod this past year..sorry i didnt make the two hearted with you,,your friend Erick,,

erick a onkalo - May 09, 2024 at 08:21 PM

LC

“ My deepest sympathies to Rob's family. He was a genuine “give it my all” type of guy. Rest in peace my friend!

Leila Canavera - May 09, 2024 at 09:36 AM