



Rodney R. McPherson

March 3, 1950 - January 2, 2019

Rodney R. McPherson, 68, of Woodruff, WI passed away at the Aspirus Wausau Hospital on January 2, 2019. He was born in West Allis, WI to Richard and Janet McPherson.

Rodney served in the US-Navy. He was the founder and CEO of Mill-Rite INC. Rodney was a member of the Island City Masonic Lodge, and enjoyed attending Faith Free Evangelical Church, woodworking, hunting, boating, dancing, singing karaoke and spending time with his grandchildren. He also owned a 1956 Chevy and enjoyed going to car shows.

He was preceded in death by his father Richard, a brother Charles "Chuck", step mother Harriett and his step father Al Gerard.

Survivors include his wife Shari, children Christy (Allan Jr.) Schultz, Michael (Shannon) McPherson, loving step-sons, Randy Bonvini and Rocco Bonvini; ten grandchildren, Alexander and Trevor Jameyson, Arabella and Quinten McPherson, dear step grandchildren Krystal (Mike), Kelly, Cameron, Rachel, Nicole and Evan; six step great grandchildren Hailey, Mikey, Emily, Alison, Taylor and Lillian; His Mother Janet Gerard, a brother Randy; four sisters Linda (Don) Hollingsworth, Bambi (Paul) Helms, April Hunt; Kitty (Mike) Couch, his first wife Joan McPherson and his dog Ms. Sadie McPherson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday January 12, 2018 at 1 PM at Faith Free Evangelical Church in Woodruff. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

A visitation will be from 11 AM until the time of the service at the church on Saturday. Memorials are suggested to Faith Free Evangelical Church or Island

City Masonic Lodge.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

Woodruff, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Evangelical Free Church
9035 Blumenstein Road
Woodruff, WI 54568

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Evangelical Free Church
9035 Blumenstein Road
Woodruff, WI 54568

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Shari -
We are deeply saddened by your loss. It was such a long road, and he was so fortunate to have had you to travel that road with him. You will continue to be in our hearts and prayers.
With love from your neighbors,
Jacquie & Dave De Bauche*

Jacquie De Bauche - January 20, 2019 at 12:35 PM

MK

“ *Our dear friend will be deeply missed. Our family began a summer tradition 15 years ago when we went to the beautiful Whispering Pines Resort. Shari and Rodney became our dear friends. We will never forget Rodney's stories and his knowledge(he knew A Lot about A LOT!) he shared around the camp fires. Rodney taught our sons many things through the years at those times around the fire. And we can't forget about Rodney's woodworking skills! Jeff and Rod both love classic cars, so when Rod bought his Chevy, well you can imagine the hours of conversation that entailed. Rodney's nickname "HOT ROD" Our family will keep Rod's memories close to our hearts and will look forward to the summers that we will continue to share with Shari and Rodney's Spirit.....*

PEACE AND LOVE, JEFF,MARY,KYLE AND JAKE KRUSICK

MARY KRUSICK - January 11, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 10, 2019 at 07:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 10, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Love, The Mill-Rite Inc Team purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



Love, The Mill-Rite Inc Team - January 10, 2019 at 01:52 PM



“ *Mike,*

So very sorry to hear of your loss. Bruce and I are two of the ones (not retired) who worked with your father.

We enjoyed working with him. He always had a story to share.

You're in our thoughts and prayers.

Mary Tucker - January 09, 2019 at 08:07 PM

BV

“ Mike: I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad, he was a guy that I will never forget. I can't begin to tell the things I have learned from that guy in my early career.

He was special guy and was always smiling.

You and all of the family have my condolences and prayers.

Brian - Milwaukee Valve - January 09, 2019 at 08:07 PM

GM

“ Sorry for your loss. Many memories running thru my head... Many, if not most of my early visits to the smoke filled shop included Rod trying to make sense of what Mary and John were doing *@#%^... “Good Stuff” Rodney always super pleasant, upbeat, most times providing some form of “Words of Wisdom” before I was out the door.

You should be very proud of what Rod started and certainly where you have grown the business to today.

Gary McMahon - January 09, 2019 at 08:07 PM

ER

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. It was always a pleasure to work with him. His ability to make my chicken scratches, a drawing while smiling, was outstanding. You can be proud.

Everett Russell

Everett Russell - January 09, 2019 at 08:06 PM

BW

“ I absolutely remember working with Rod for many years; I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. Similar to you, my father was my business mentor and passed away too early at age 69 after fighting leukemia for some time. The solace is we know they are no longer suffering, they are in a much better place, and we have many great memories of them keeping their spirit alive. And if you are like me, you probably inherited a few of your fathers quirks which will remind you of him regularly. We mourn with you and will keep Rod and your entire extended McPherson family in our prayers, but we also celebrate a life well lived!

*Deepest condolences,
Bob Wilcox*

Bob Wilcox - January 09, 2019 at 08:05 PM

BA

“ *Bambi lit a candle in memory of Rodney R. McPherson*



Bambi - January 09, 2019 at 07:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 08, 2019 at 03:39 PM

TS

“ I knew you when we where young, In the days when life was fun,
Our goal was then, the stars, We built our forts, rafts, and cars, After
awhile we grew apart, You went one way, I went another. Maybe, for
a new start. Seems like time and years went by. We got back
together for awhile. Your life and style, was not me, by a mile. More
time and years went by, But this time, The LORD has called you to
be by His side. I'll miss you my dear old friend, Saying Bye, Till we
meet again.

Tom Sowinski - January 07, 2019 at 07:22 PM

JM

“ Shari, just read the Times newspaper from Fri
and realized Rodney's obituary was your
husband. Oh, so sorry to read that. Knew he
had been in the hospital but certainly did not
expect to see this. Peace and love to you and
the family knowing he is no longer suffering. It's been a rough ride
for all of you. Fondly...Jack & Esther Moulton



Jack and Esther Moulton - January 07, 2019 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ We are so very sorry to hear your loss of Rodney. You and your
family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Ron & Jodi Capacio

Ron Capacio - January 07, 2019 at 05:51 PM

BT

“ I did business with Rod, for many years - since, about 1988, maybe...
What a colorful man, and, in a way; a typical former marine.
When, I came to Mill-Rite, to pick up an order; I always ended up, in his office, visiting.
His office depicted his life story. Funny, quirky, well protected; anything, but politically correct!
RIP Marine!
Semper fi!
Bruce Tucker

Bruce Tucker - January 07, 2019 at 11:14 AM

TS

“ I and the entire group that has come up the last 3 Octobers to grouse hunt are deeply saddened to hear of Rodney's passing. We always enjoyed talking with him and his interest in our day in the woods. He was always curious what we had planned for dinner and our plans the following day. So, so sorry to lose someone this early. Our heartfelt condolences to his entire family

Tony Schutte, Dave Ruopp, Rob Harden, John Maupin

Tony Schutte - January 07, 2019 at 09:42 AM

TS

“ My good old friend, You will be missed . Tom Sowinski

Tom Sowinski - January 06, 2019 at 11:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 06, 2019 at 08:04 PM



“ *Shelton, Lange, and Kapolnek families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



Shelton, Lange, and Kapolnek families - January 06, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *Thankful that I got to see you in November, my second big brother. A memory that I will take with me forever. Love you always . (Six Pack) as you use to call me. ❤️*

April Hunt - January 06, 2019 at 05:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 06, 2019 at 03:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rodney R. McPherson.*



January 05, 2019 at 01:18 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Rodney's passing. I met Rodney when I managed the bank in Minocqua and looked forward to his visits to the bank with his dear basset hound. He frequently showed me pictures of the car he was restoring and he had so much excitement about the progress of it. He was very proud of the finished project. Rodney was awesome guy who loved his family. My heart goes out to all of you in the tough days ahead. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Lori Truemper*

Lori Truemper - January 04, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ *I met Rod about 20 years ago when I was invited to deer hunt in Minocqua. Since I was moving there soon, Rod welcomed me into his hunting group. Rodney and I had fun going out scouting prior to each season. We didn't see much of each other between hunting, so it gave us time to catch up, and relive some of the fun times of past hunts. Rod shared his wisdom best over a beer or two lurching at one of the many watering holes along the way. Some of his advice on finances was hilarious. He suggested putting everything in gold kuggerands. I imagine he had plenty as he would want me to pick up the check..Ha! Seriously, we enjoyed those times immensely. He had a heart of gold as well. I'll miss you old friend. Thoughts and prayers to his family.*

Tom Graber - January 03, 2019 at 12:22 PM

DL

“*Dave and I were so sorry to hear of Rodney's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*”

DIANNA LANG - January 03, 2019 at 12:03 PM

BS

“*Rod was a dear friend that I got to know quite well just 20 years ago. His passion to live life to the fullest exemplifies his courage to fight his cancer for the last several years. Rod will always be remembered for his keen interest and skill in deer hunting, something I'm sure he learned from his dad Richard and a skill that I learned from Rod, one of the best. May Rod rest in peace for he left us way too early.*”

Bill Smith - January 03, 2019 at 09:25 AM

VA

“*My heart goes out to you in your time of sorrow.*”



Vckie Abraham - January 02, 2019 at 10:35 PM