



Otto J. Roggenbuck

October 17, 2013

Otto J. Roggenbuck, 77 of Brevort Lake, Moran passed away Thursday, October 17 at EUP Hospice House in the Soo. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on July 8, 1936. His parents were Aloysius J. and Marie (Pechta) Roggenbuck. He graduated from LaSalle High School and held a Master Degree in Chemistry and a Minor in Math from Central Michigan University.. He taught college Chemistry at Delta College in Bay City for 2 years and returned to Brevort Lake and taught at Tahquamenon Area Schools in Newberry for 30 years, Physics and Chemistry and some German Language driving from Brevort Lake to Newberry every day.. He was a very active member of Brevort Township community, serving as Township Supervisor and Assessor for 18 years; and served on the Brevort Township Fire Department many years. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. After retirement for the past 15 years he has been a dedicated woodworker, making furniture of all kinds, and made the beautiful Altar and Ambo for St. Ignatius Church in St. Ignace with the help of Fr. Al Mott. The Altar was dedicated by Bishop Sample at a special ceremony He served in the National Guard for 6 years. He loved classical music, and was a collector of a vast amount of recordings and sheet music of classical music. He attended the Detroit Symphony once a year, and knew the authors and movements of much of the music. He owned an antique Victrola, which played many of his 78 and 33 recordings.

On August 8, 1970 he married Nancy Rivers at Immaculate Conception Church, and she survives. Also 2 daughters, Nicole (Matthew) Hammond, of Owosso; and Michelle Harris of Grand Rapids. 2 sisters, Mary Therese Roggenbuck of LaCrosse, WI; and Noelle Roggenbuck of East Lansing; and a special grandson, Tyler Hammond. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may call at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran on Wednesday, October 23 from 10 until 11 am when Mass of Christian Burial will be held with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating, Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery. The Brevort Township Firemen will serve as honor guard. Pallbearers will be Ken Gillmore; Jim Fenlon; Stete Spoons; Matt Hammond; Boyd Bigger; and Bob Bosman Memorials may be directed to Hospice of the EUP with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home who assisted the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Otto J. Roggenbuck*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Otto J. Roggenbuck*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Otto J. Roggenbuck*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Otto was such a GREAT character. I remember working at the auction and he could always get a smile out of me, and usually a great belly laugh. I am sorry to learn of his passing, he was a great man.*

Remember his sharp mind, sharp wit, and recollection of many obscure events in the past. He was very kind and a true gentlemen. Of all the hundreds of people I worked with and met at the auctions on Thursday night, he is at the top of the list of most beloved.

Sincere Condolences from the Hagen family and me in particular!

Kim Hagen

Kim Hagen - October 30, 2013 at 04:41 AM

KS

“ My sincerest condolences to the Roggenbuck family. I echo the sentiments of other former students here, everyone loved Mr. Roggenbuck and I have such fond memories of his classroom. He made learning such fun, even Advanced Chemistry (which is saying a lot for a book nerd such as myself). I remember popping Jiffy Pop over Bunsen Burners, and watching him run out of room on the blackboard and just keep going onto the wall. I am very sorry for your loss, and hope that knowing how many lives he touched and how fondly he is remembered helps to console you at this time.

Karen Shoebottom - October 24, 2013 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to your family. Mr. Roggenbuck was my chemistry and algebra teacher in high school. I smile at the thought of him eating chalk in class and still talk about him 25yrs later. Even though you couldn't read his writing on the chalk board and he refused to add or subtract correctly (he laughingly called that "higher math") he was by far the greatest teacher I have ever known. The world was a better place by far for having known him. He is loved by many and will be missed.

Joe Stokes - October 24, 2013 at 01:58 AM

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“ To the Roggenbuck family...my sincere condolences. Know that Otto's legacy lives on. I am now a teacher myself and each year at some point I tell an "Otto" story! He was an amazing teacher! He made learning fun. I remember him writing on the chalkboard and biting off a hunk of chalk and then looking at us (of course we were horrified) and him exclaiming, "What?! It's just calcium carbonate!" I remember so many little things like that. Rest in peace Otto and know that you were lived by many if your students!

Anne Clayton (Beaulieu) - October 23, 2013 at 09:29 PM

CD

“ *Mr. Roggenbuck was my favorite teacher. I had him for chemistry and algebra. I have many good memories from his classes. He wasn't easy, he prepared me well for my college classes. Since we heard of his passing, many of us have been reminiscing and we are all smiling as we talk about the great times we had, how much he inspired many of us and how much he taught us. My sincere condolences to his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Scott and Colleen Duflo

Colleen (Galor) Duflo - October 23, 2013 at 12:34 PM

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“ *Thank you for sharing this delightfully unique man with us. I was lucky enough to have had him as a teacher. He taught many of us great life lessons as well as the subject matter. I can still see the paper clip on his tie and the silly cock-eyed grin on his face standing in front of the class. Thank you again his time was greatly appreciated by so many.*

Veronica Edwards - October 22, 2013 at 06:53 PM

MA

“ *Mr. Roggenbuck was my favorite teacher in high school. I have so many wonderful memories of him. He was such an engaging character and I learned so much from him; not just chemistry and math but valuable life lessons. My thought and prayer are with his family.*

Mary Adler - October 22, 2013 at 06:44 PM

JS

Mary Adler! I knew you little in high school (or are you a daughter?) but had to say hi.

Jeffrey Sainio (search my name, I'm publicly known as a Patent Agent)

jeffrey sainio - April 09, 2021 at 12:49 AM

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“ *To the family of Mr. Roggenbuck,
I'd like to offer my sincerest condolences at this difficult time. Mr. Roggenbuck was my favorite teacher and he inspired me to become a pharmacist. He was a true mentor and I viewed him as a friend. For Christmas my senior year in high school, I had a college student buy me a bottle of Old Grand Dad, because that is what he always said he liked. When I took college chemistry classes, the easy stuff that everyone knew were the things that I had never seen. But when the classes got into the technical material and everyone else was lost, I breezed through it because I had already learned it. I am so sorry for your loss. I smile every time I think of him, even when I remember the times he yelled at me. I deserved it and it made me a better student and person.*

Dave DeMerse, R.Ph.

Class of 1991

Owner Newberry Hometown Pharmacy

David DeMerse - October 22, 2013 at 04:28 PM

JS

“ We both knew Otto for many years, him being one of Jims dads best friends (Butch Schlehuber)...Butch passed away almost 21 years ago but he left us with great stories of Otto and their escapades throughout the years. Otto was one of a kind, a spirited man, kind and wholesome and so talented...and who's family meant so much to him. It was a pleasure to know and work with him on and off through the years. He has touched many lives throughout his years.....We know his unselfish efforts throughout the years have left his community in a much better place....he will be remembered by many, forever.

Jim and Cheryl Schlehuber

Jim and Cheryl Schlehuber - October 22, 2013 at 03:25 PM

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“ As a former student of Mr. Roggenbuck, I was very sad to hear of his passing. He was my favorite teacher and I will always remember some of the lessons he taught. Please know that I am keeping your family in my thoughts during this time.

Erin McNamara - October 22, 2013 at 08:40 AM