



## Rex Eugene Hyrns Sr.

September 27, 1957 - November 29, 2025

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Rex Eugene Hyrns Sr., who died on November 29, 2025, following a tragic accident at the snowmobile groomer barn. Rex was doing what he loved most, working to prepare for the upcoming snowmobile season. Rex was born on September 27, 1957, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Alva and Donna (Spring) Hyrns.

He spent more than twenty years in the logging industry, mastering all aspects of the work, from cutting and skidding to hauling and timber buying. His dedication, work ethic, and steady reliability earned him the respect of everyone who worked beside him.

Rex and Mary later purchased the MerryIn Motel and the Lumberjacks Tavern. After many hardworking years, they sold both businesses to retire and allow Rex the opportunity to pour his time and energy into one of his greatest passions, the Chippewa Snowchasers Snowmobile Club. Rex became President in 2014 and worked tirelessly to build a legacy of enthusiasm, stewardship, and camaraderie. He believed deeply in protecting the trails, supporting fellow riders, and riding with purpose.

Rex was a character in the best sense, outspoken, good-humored, and devoted to the people around him. He was a strong voice for snowmobile clubs at regional meetings and could always be counted on to step up when

help was needed. His knowledge, dedication, and willingness to assist any club will be remembered for generations. The snowmobile community has lost a true legend, a leader, a friend, and a volunteer whose impact will not fade.

Rex will be dearly missed by all who knew him, loved him, and shared the trails with him.

Rex is survived by his wife of thirty-six years, Mary; children, Rex Eugene Hyrns Jr. of Sand Lake, Michigan, Jamie Lee (Chad) Johnson of Midland, Michigan, Carl Eugene Hyrns of Sparta, Michigan, and Samantha Jayde (David Segard Jr.) Hyrns of Howard City, Michigan; sister, Sandra Kay Seppi of Bark River, Michigan; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alva and Donna; brother, Robert Lee Hyrns; and brother-in-law, Norman Claude Seppi.

Per Rex's wishes, he was cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held in Summer of 2026.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to Chippewa Snowchasers Snowmobile Club, 11272 S. Strongs Rd Eckerman, MI 49728.

Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ Back a few years ago, 60-70"s, REX, IMHO, was one of better horseback riders around Newaygo County area. He was a kid and could "Ride the hair off" of most any horse around. A few years skipped by and he came walking in a little gun shop. We gave each other a manly hug and he looked around to see what was in stock. He found one for his dad, but I could tell he didn't have the cash on him. I said, "Rex I trust you more than just about anybody else. Take that gun, give it to your dad and pay for it when you come around again.

Of course he paid for it within a few days. Then later on he told me his dad gave it back to him. I lost track of him through the years but I did get a chance to talk to him at hid dad's, Alva, visitation.. A fine man that I hope his children like him. RIP Rex

Darrell Patton.

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**Darrell Patton** - March 05 at 01:23 PM

SF

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Rex's passing. I haven't snowmobiled for years , but we had great memories at Strongs with Rex and Mary. My brother Craig and I had many good meals from the restaurant and rode the best maintained trails in Michigan. Rex had some great stories and we got to ride with him on many occasions. He will be missed by the snowmobile community and died doing what He really enjoyed. Prayers to Mary and Family. RIP REX!!

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**Scott Freeman** - December 05, 2025 at 11:02 AM

ST

“ Wow, I'm just floored. Rex had a great laugh that showed his joy for life. So sad. Peace and good memories to his family.

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**Steve** - December 02, 2025 at 11:43 AM

GF

“ I am so sorry to hear this, Rex was a good man and had a passion for the snowmobile community. The slogan of “You Rode The Rest Now Ride The Best” was certainly a legacy To be celebrated! Prayers for Mary and the rest of the family! God bless!

Regards,  
Greg Freitas & Family

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**Greg Freitas** - December 02, 2025 at 09:33 AM

TB

“ A longtime friend of the people on Hobart Lake taking care of snowmobile trails and want some other things—)

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**Tim Bradley** - December 02, 2025 at 09:03 AM

DM

“ I just dont know what to say. Except I'm so sorry to hear this. Sending prayers to Rex family. He will differently be missed by so many. We had been friends for 50 plus years. Did alot of snowmobiling with Rex in the UP before he moved up there. Back in the good days. My heart is broken 💔  
Deb Merlington ( Gillespie )

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**Debra Merlington** - December 02, 2025 at 06:08 AM

DF

“ <https://youtu.be/jRCCXne8498?si=865-2dV0r8OGxb27>

So sorry. No words. Condolences.

Dan & Anita K. Ficke

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**Dan & Anita K. Ficke** - December 02, 2025 at 12:20 AM



BG

“ So sorry to hear of this. Rex was a good guy.

Bill Gould - December 01, 2025 at 11:12 PM

AG

“ Mary, I am so sorry to read this. Prayers for you and your family.

Amy Graham - December 01, 2025 at 10:47 PM

WD

“ Worked with Rex over the last 10 years at various levels in the Snowmobile System. Always accessible, always helpful. Our family is saddened by this tragedy and send our Prayers for Peace and Strength to Ms Mary and the family.

Winch & Connie Diller - December 01, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ Such a great guy!! Always joking and give us a good laugh. He will definitely be missed.  
Sending Prayers to Mary and all who were fortunate to have known Rex. 🙏🙏

Judy Stuck - December 01, 2025 at 07:09 PM

JL

What a stand up man his drive and ambition will be hard to match thanks for all the smiles and jokes I will dearly miss you buddy till we meet again

Jeff Iuchies - December 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM



*Sorry to hear of Rex's passing. I remember how he could fire up a township meeting down here in Ensley Township. I remember him logging the woods over at the Bohn farm. Always interesting to talk with him.*

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**Dennis Harwood** - December 02, 2025 at 12:15 AM

LS

*It is with a heavy heart to learn this. Rex, me and numerous others spent time showing horses, camping, bullfrog hunting and a list of other things over our childhood. I called him a prankster. His smile will be in my memories forever.*

*Mary and kids be assured he will always be with you.*

*Laurie Fowler Stencel*

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**Laurie stencel** - December 02, 2025 at 05:53 PM

DD

*Good memories of working with Rex and Alva hauling logs and saw milling. He had a good attitude every day. Dave Dix*

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**Dave Dix** - December 02, 2025 at 09:23 PM

FD

*I am shocked to read about Rex's accident. He was one of the reasons I would ride to Strongs. In the summer I stopped with a John Deere side by side and he about laughed me out of the bar, thought it was a tractor! I will always remember him when I pass through Strongs RIP Rex*

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**Frank DeGroff** - December 29, 2025 at 09:30 PM