



Richard "Oggie" Dale Nash

April 9, 1949 - December 1, 2025

Richard "Oggie" Dale Nash, age 76, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on December 1, 2025, at his home. He was born on April 9, 1949, in Great Falls, Montana, son of the late Charles Barnes and Naomi (Katz) Nash.

Oggie graduated from Grosse Ile High School with the class of 1967. After moving away with his family for few years, he returned to the island, where he met and married Maggie in 1973, raised their three sons, and enjoyed being part of the community for thirty-three years. He served on the Township Board and Police Commission, and he enjoyed doing his famous "parade wave" when cruising through town on the parade route.

Oggie "Dick" had a contagious laugh that seemed to start in his toes and work its way upward, and his big warm smile, are very likely the first things that come to mind. He got a kick out of giving us all a hard time, but Oggie had a big heart, and he was compassionate and generous. He lived life to the fullest and loved his family more than anything, pets included. He was a great friend and neighbor and was very passionate about the things that were important to him: his faith, his country, and Notre Dame football!!

Anyone who knew Oggie knows that he loved Christmas!! Inside and out, the Nash house was always decorated above and beyond. Rumor has it that the outside lights were so bright on their Grosse Ile house, that the small planes

flying into Grosse Ile Airport sometimes tried to land in their yard! And when he put on his Santa suit, there was no convincing anyone that he was not the real deal. He was the perfect Santa.

Oggie was a born salesman and loved working hard, no matter the job. He spent most of his professional life in the automotive industry, although his entrepreneurial spirit led him to explore other opportunities over the years as well.

Always keeping family at the center of their lives, when Oggie was semi-retired, he and Maggie moved down to Pinehurst, North Carolina, to live near Nic and Laura and spend time with their kids, Kelsey and Ryan, as they grew up. Later, when Cody, Jannelle, and the boys moved to Sault Ste. Marie in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Oggie and Maggie made the move too, and have enjoyed their time watching Cooper and his younger brother, Colton, grow up. When his own sons were young, Oggie enjoyed cheering them on when he went to watch their sporting events, and years later, he did the same for his grandkids.

He was a proud father and grandfather, who in recent years, sent a daily text to his boys, wishing them a great day and telling them he was proud of them and loved them. Although his messages will be missed, all the wonderful memories will be forever cherished.

Oggie is survived by his loving wife of fifty-two years, Margaret "Maggie" (Kelsey) Nash; his beloved sons, Adam Nash of Naples, Florida, Nicolas (Laura) Nash of Pinehurst, and Cody (Jannelle) Nash of Sault Sainte Marie; his four cherished grandchildren, Kelsey, Ryan, Cooper and Colton; his loyal little sidekick, Killie; his brother, David (Sharon) Nash, and his sister, Sondra (Paty).

Oggie was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Naomi; his sister, Peggy (Charles) Hurt; and his brother, Larry (Jody) Nash.

Per Oggie's wishes, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Hospice of the EUP, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783. <https://www.hospiceoftheeup.com/donate/>

Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

CH

“*Dick Nash impressed me with his happy enthusiasm for everything. His sister was married to me for 54 years. Dick gave special, nature names to four of our grandchildren, such as Tree, Flower, etc. (they loved it). In Sedalia, Missouri, Dick attended State Fair College and served as the team mascot. He and Peggy worked with a vacuum machine company. At the beginning of a sales meeting, one time, he was surprised when the boss announced that Richard would open the meeting with a prayer. But Dick arose to the occasion, gave a beautiful prayer, and closed in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. At one point in his life, he considered joining the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He eventually decided to be a Catholic. He was as generous as he could be and often gifted our family. Dick and his sibs will always be embedded in my happy memories. He blessed us, and now he will bless those who have gone on. God bless Richard Dale Nash!*”

Charles Wm Hurt - December 11, 2025 at 01:37 PM

CC

“ To Maggie, Sons & Daughter-In-Laws Adam, Nicholas (Laura), Cody (Janelle), Grandchildren Kelsey, Ryan, Cooper, Colton, Brother & Sister-In-Law David (Sharon), and Sister Sondra (Paty), I’m so incredibly sorry for the loss of your husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother and brother-in-law Oggie. Please know that he will live on in all of my fond memories.
Richard Dale “Oggie” Nash, thank you for your service to the citizens, government and police department of the Township of Grosse Ile, Michigan. You left it a better place. Oggie, your earthly duties are complete. Eternal heavenly duties await you.
Our joys will be greater, our love will be deeper, our life will be fuller because we shared their moments. UNKOWN
What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes a part of us. HELEN KELLER

Charlie Coman - December 05, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JB

“ I have so many memories of Oggie growing up. But my favorite is every time I saw him he’d light up and say “Hi Legs!” I can hear it so clearly. I can’t even remember why or how he started calling me that but remember how it made me smile. Oggie will definitely be missed. Mags, Adam, Nick, and Cody, he will forever be with you ❤️

Jennifer Buhl - December 04, 2025 at 06:47 PM

CM

“ His smile and laugh would make everyone around him happier. He was a dear friend. One that will be truly missed. I am willing to bet Saint Peter had a vodka gimlet waiting for him at the gates of heaven.

Chuck Mouranie - December 04, 2025 at 05:58 PM

AF

“ Heaven must have needed a real Santa, God bless you Oggie. So many memories you have shared with those here on earth. When you volunteered at the IHM Motherhouse, the sisters were all in a buzz!! “Oggie’s volunteering today!” You were loved by many; bringing joy to everyone who you met.

ann Fielder - December 04, 2025 at 04:56 PM

FD

“ What a great guy..and family. My favorite memory is the day he shot a 74 at GIG&CC and ran down the fairway screaming out his score for all to hear! Then to the clubhouse and the drinks flowed. That was a one time event as I don’t think he ever broke 95 again. What a guy he was! Bless you Oggie...keep em laughing up there.
Frank

Frank DeMare - December 04, 2025 at 04:22 PM

MT

What a great story ❤️

Monica Treadwell - December 04, 2025 at 07:00 PM

GV

I met Oggie during my employment at GI Township. I Will always remember his uplifting personality and contagious laughter. He’s the type of person you never forget.
Condolences Maggie and family
Gail Valor

gail valor - December 21, 2025 at 04:28 PM

KJ

“ Maggie, Adam, Nick, Cody and the rest of your family, The world seems a little sadder without Oggie in it! He was just a wonderful man and like everyone I loved his laugh! I think the main thing I remember about him is how genuinely friendly he was! He always was glad to see you, wanted to know how you and your family was doing and wanted to share about how his family was doing . Justin, Jayme and I are all keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers because we know what it is like losing such an important person in your life! Just know that he is now having the best reunion in Heaven with his family and friends that went before him and he will continue to watch over all of you! Love, Kim Judd

Kimberly Judd - December 04, 2025 at 03:15 PM

SC

“ As Oggie's neighbor years ago, I fondly remember his beautiful Christmas decorations! I loved walking by and admiring the house. Big hugs to the entire family. May your memories heal your heart ❤️
With love,
Sue (Hoey, Pomerleau) Cisco

Susan Cisco - December 04, 2025 at 12:16 PM