



Roger Leo Nayback

August 12, 1954 - January 28, 2023

Roger Leo Nayback of Skandia, Michigan, died on January 28, 2023, at the age of 68. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on August 12, 1954, to parents Clifford Leo and Anita Pricilla (Litzner) Nayback.

Roger grew up in Rudyard, Michigan, with his family. He graduated from Rudyard High School with the class of 1972 and entered the workforce. He was a Jack of all trades and dipped his toes into many different jobs from bartending, construction, well drilling, and out in the woods, however, he found a lifelong career with the State of Michigan when he became a correction officer in 1979. It was during his time as a lieutenant that he met his future wife, Jennifer "Jen" Franklin. Life would later bring them together and they would eventually marry on February 19, 1994. Roger retired in 2005 and enjoyed retirement life spending time with his family.

Roger was a member of the Harley Owners Group (HOG).

Roger loved all things "fast"; he enjoyed riding his motorcycle cross country, snowmobiling in the winter, watching NASCAR and most of all, taking part in the Nayback Snowmobile Racing and stock racing with his son, Tony. He will most fondly be remembered for his willingness to help friends and family; Roger was always there when a friend needed him, and he will be greatly missed.

Roger is survived by his wife; Jennifer; children, Tony (Angela) Nayback of Skandia, Erik (Kelly Kemp) Nayback of Anaheim, California, and Brandy (Troy) Godfrey of Rudyard; grandchildren, Elenor, Mikeal, Miah, Evan, Austin, Macie, Shelby, and Nevaeh; brother, Steve (Shelley McCormick) Nayback of Newberry, Michigan, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Roger is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Anita; and brother, Kenneth Nayback.

A Memorial Luncheon will be held on February 5, 2023, beginning at 2 PM at the St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, 11118 W 3rd St, Rudyard, MI 49780.

A Celebration of Life will be held February 11, 2023, at 4 PM at the Barge Inn, 206 W Superior St, Munising, MI 49862.

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation in Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Luncheon

FEB **5**. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. James Lutheran Church
11118 W. 3rd Street
Rudyard, MI 49780

Celebration of Life

FEB **11**. 4:00 PM.

Barge Inn

Tribute Wall



“ *Roger Leo Nayback*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Roger Leo Nayback*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Roger, was a true friend to those that knew him. If you needed something done he went out of his way to help if he could. Roger was also very protective of his friends and that probably came from the years of working at the MDOC. Wherever you were at he made it a point if he seen you to say hello. Roger, loved his family and cherished his grandkids. Patience was his virtue. I am truly feel blessed to have known such a good man.*

Billie Sage - February 04, 2023 at 07:26 PM



Roger was one of kind he was easy going didn't hesitate to help you if needed. An always ready to drink a beer with you. He will definitely be missed gone way to early.

Dennis Augustson - February 06, 2023 at 10:42 PM



LT Roger: Farewell to a good loyal friend - many good memories of our after work LMF construction crew projects! At home & camp & at other CO's homes! See you on the other side.....have a beer ready!

James & Anita Nelson - February 09, 2023 at 08:01 PM