



Rodney Lee Schommer

June 15, 1953 - August 12, 2024

PORT SANILAC- Rodney Lee Schommer, 71, of Port Sanilac Michigan, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He fought hard to stay with us after his lung cancer diagnosis, but lost that battle on August 12th.

Rodney was a man of many passions, with a deep love for hunting and fly fishing that began in his youth and continued throughout his life. He cherishes his time in the great outdoors, especially the trips to the family cabin, where he enjoyed countless hunting excursions with his brothers and passing on his love for nature to his children and grandchildren. Rodney was a proud member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a testament to his lifelong commitment to wildlife conservation. He was a practical joker, that would do anything for a good laugh, he thrived to get a giggle from his grands, and wouldn't miss an opportunity to give you the flip (If you know, you know). And if you don't know, he probably did it to you anyway, and it most definitely gave us a good laugh later.

On October 6th, 1979, Rodney married the love of his life, Mary. They met at the bait shop on the best blind date ever, setup by Mary's brother Mike. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, love, and cherished memories. Rodney was a devoted father to his three daughters, Jessie (Joe) Schneider, Annise (Kevin) Parrott, and Lindsey (Mike) Dardas, and a proud grandfather

to his seven beloved grandchildren: Evelyn, Louisa, and Sylvia Schneider; Ava and Mia Parrott; and Abigail and Rodney Dardas. His family was his greatest joy, and he relished every moment spent with them, whether it was sharing his love of baseball and golf, cooking up the best breakfast, or simply enjoying their company.

Rodney spent his early years working alongside his father, Leo, and brothers at the family-owned Mobil Gas station, where he developed a strong work ethic and a love for the outdoors. After graduating, Rodney took on various roles in his community, from bailing hay for a local farmer to serving as a custodian for CPS. He later co-owned Schommer's Sport Shop with his brother Dennis, but it was his career as a licensed electrician that defined much of his adult life. For over 40 years, Rodney worked with dedication, skill and a comically good sense of humor, at Sanilac Electric.

Rodney will be remembered for his quick wit, infectious sense of humor, and the kindness he showed to everyone he met. His legacy of hard work, love for the outdoors, and devotion to his family will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; his three daughters and their husbands; his seven grandchildren; and his siblings, Gerald (Barbara) Schommer, Lawrence (Cynthia) Schommer, Beth (Dell) Hardison. Rodney was predeceased by his father, Leo, his mother Evelyn, his brother Dennis, sister and brother-in-law Mary Lou & George Prusick, nephew John Prusick, and niece Kelly Schommer. Memorial Mass will be held at the Ave Maria Parish- St. Marys Catholic Church on Friday, August 30th at 11 A.M. The family will not be having visitation prior to Mass but a celebration of life will casually proceed at Forster Park (Octagon Pavilion) from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M., food and beverages will be provided. In lieu of flowers, the family requests to donate to the following link, proceeds will go to The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and catering for

his celebration of life.

LINK FOR DONATIONS

<https://click.pstmrk.it/3/spot.fund%2FInMemoryOfRodneySchommer/aBUu/6lW3AQ/AQ/7e1b6e89-1069-4b06-96aa-3ef3ec671abf/2/DWdr5DWHnd>

Previous Events

Church Service

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Marys Catholic Church
7066 Main St.
Port Sanilac, MI 48469

Tribute Wall

“ Our Brother, Rodney Lee Schommer August 12, 2024

The price we pay for loving one another is not easy. Sometimes we pay along the way during life with all its ups and downs but ultimately, we pay like this so our loved one, Rodney, can be with the Good Lord and all those other folks we hold so dearly in our hearts. But the price we pay is worth every moment we have with them, with Rodney. We love knowing that we will be with all of them again.

Our brother Larry and I were waiting for the news of a new baby in our family over 71 years ago. We were snuggled together sharing the same bed to keep warm when we heard dad's footsteps as he climbed the stairs of our family home on Ontario Street. We heard and both bobbed up asking him, "What did we get? What did we get?" And he said, "You've got another little brother." And I said, "Oh, no!" And we went right back to sleep.

Obviously, it didn't take long before we were celebrating Rodney being with us. What a celebration of life that has been. All the wonderful memories are with us here today in this congregation of family and friends. We all appreciate this time to celebrate his life and what he meant to us, and later whenever we have a Rodney moment.

Rodney, I know you are listening and understand more what this life journey has been all about than any of us here today. We know that you are with lots of friends and family especially mom and dad, Dennis, and Kelly and John and Mary Lou and George and Uncle Ed and Francey. You are all smiling and wishing you could say to us, "It's going to be okay. Don't be afraid. God is with you and so are we."

We here have lots of wonderful memories of being with Rodney. Our sister, Beth, told me recently about the time when she was little and had a bad dream. She found her way up those same stairs to

Rod's bedside and stood there until he woke up. Rod looked at her and pulled back the sheets and said, "Get in!" And she did. He was always there looking out for people even if he didn't have the time. He made the time for you. He helped sisters and brothers with house projects many times from replacing sub pumps to installing a new dishwasher or a mixing valve. He was there to teach us how to fly fish and where to be stationed for the first day of deer hunting at the Buckhorn near Onaway Michigan. He was there to make us a Buck Horn Breakfast and you stayed out of his way. He was there to tell us great stories of a exciting deer hunts or where to find a good hole to catch a tasty brook trout. He was there to squeeze and hug all of his kids and grandkids. But mostly and for sure he was there because he loved his family and friends.

Rodney, we are going to miss you in the days and years ahead. We know that you were loved while you were here and that you gave so much love to all of us. This is the good stuff of life no matter how many years we get. Rodney, you and Mary have a wonderful family in Jessie and Joe, Annise and Kevin and Lindsey and Mike and all those wonderful grandkids: Mia and Eva, Evelyn, Louisa and Slyvia and Abby and Rodney. Good job, Rod. See you in Heaven.

Love you, Rod

from Brother Jerry

Jerry Schommer - November 03, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Schommer.*



August 27, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *On behalf of Nationwide Arena planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Lee Schommer.*

On behalf of Nationwide Arena - August 27, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Schommer.*



August 26, 2024 at 07:12 PM



“ *Rodney was a down-to-earth person. He never met a stranger, he loved his family and all of his friends. He would do anything for anybody to lend a helping hand. He was a blessing to all of us, and we all miss him greatly. Love you, Rod.
From one of your big brothers,
Jerry.*

Jerry Schommer - August 16, 2024 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ I am saddened at the loss of Rod. I have many fine memories of growing up with him and his older brothers in Port Sanilac. We were close neighbors for a number of years he will be missed.
John Masinick

John Masinick - August 15, 2024 at 04:03 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rodney Lee Schommer.



August 15, 2024 at 11:20 AM

VT

“ Vince, Becky and Tommy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rodney Lee Schommer.

Vince, Becky and Tommy - August 15, 2024 at 11:20 AM