



Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick

April 27, 1935 - April 24, 2017

Rudolph H. Emerick passed away on Monday, April 24, 2017, at St. Mary's of Michigan. Age 81 years. Rudy was born on April 27, 1935, in Englewood, CA, to the late Oscar and Vlasta (Sedlacek) Emerick. He married Susan B. Seidel on August 13, 1960, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. She survives him. Rudy graduated from Central Michigan University, receiving his Masters in Art and Biology. Prior to his retirement in 1994, Rudy first taught in Ithaca for two years, then with the Saginaw Township school system for another 32 years. He was a faithful member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he had served on various boards and groups over the years, including singing in the choir. His memberships and hobbies included the Lutheran Bowling League and SPEBSQSA, fishing, hunting and gardening.

Surviving besides his wife, Susan, are their children and grandchildren, Michael Emerick, Interlochen, MI; Katherine (Douglas) Guenther, Saginaw, MI, and their children, Rachael (Greg) Kehr, Andrew Guenther; Daniel (Michelle) Emerick, Grand Haven, MI, and their children, Lindsay (Zachary), Chelsea (Deangelo) Buchanan, Ashlee (Jordan), Hayle, Justin, Nicklas, Annika; Kristofer (Tracie) Emerick, Saginaw, MI, and their children, Gregory, Zackary, Emilie; and three great-grandchildren, Arbor, Peyton, Paisley; also survived by his sister-in-law, Margaret Emerick, also several nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends. Rudy was predeceased by his brother, Raymond Emerick.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2017, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 5335 Brockway Rd., Saginaw Twp. The Rev. Paul Biber will officiate with burial in Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery. Friends are welcome to visit with the family at the Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc., 1218 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., then at the church on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial contributions may be given to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or Valley Lutheran High School. Memories and sympathies of Rudy may be shared with the family on his memorial website at WakemanFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery

4700 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 26. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc.
1218 N. Michigan Ave.
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 752-8531
wakemanfh@charter.net

Visitation

APR 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
5335 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Funeral Service

APR 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
5335 Brockway Rd.
Saginaw, MI 48638

Tribute Wall



“ *Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick*

September 13, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick*

September 13, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Rudy Emerick. He was my biology teacher at Eisenhower & he really enjoyed his job. He will be missed by all his students & family.
Gaylon Rose...Class of '74*

Gaylon Rose - May 09, 2017 at 10:39 PM



“ *I had him in a class. His son Dan, was my friend growing up. Many memories of him and family. Avid fisherman and Gardner as I knew him. Rhubarb was the best, lol.
So sorry to hear of his passing. Sorry I was not able to make it to Saginaw.*

*Matthew Lake, BSN, RN
Mlakern07@sbcglobal.net
Columbus, Ohio*



Matthew Lake - May 02, 2017 at 09:34 PM

RW

“ Rudy was a good friend and fellow biology teacher at all three high schools. So many fond memories of sharing lessons and working together especially during those open classroom days at Eisenhower High. Yes we made cheese and corn-beef in class with the students. Rest in Peace RUDY.
Richard and Kimiko Williams

Richard V Williams - April 30, 2017 at 02:05 PM



“ My condolences to the family and friend of Mr. Emerick. He will be fondly remembered by me - he made biology fun. I was thinking of him only last week when I researched how to make my own corned beef and sauerkraut. I will always remember his class for this project.

Diane Conroy - April 27, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ Mr Emerick was an awesome teacher that helped me to succeed. I'm sorry to hear that he has passed away.

John Hausbeck, EHS 88

John Hausbeck - April 27, 2017 at 06:19 AM

MV

“ Dear Emerick family,

I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Emerick's passing (he was my teacher-- I have to call him Mr. Emerick!). From knowing him when I was a kid at Good Shepherd, to knowing him as his biology student at HHS, to seeing him in the choir at GS when I came back to Saginaw to visit my parents, he's always been a happy presence throughout my life. I know he was much, much more than that to you and I'm sorry for your loss. Wishing you comfort and peace.

Mari Vaydik

Mari Vaydik - April 26, 2017 at 03:22 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick.



April 26, 2017 at 02:05 PM

LN

“ Rudy always amazed me with his brilliance. He was wonderful to have conversations with, always some humor involved. His interest in cooking often caught my attention. I loved to share my baking and cooking ideas (food) with him. He always was so appreciative of it. Such a good man. Sue, Katy, Doug, Kris and the whole family, I will pray for all of you and you have my deepest condolences. Take care.

Lynn Nugent - April 25, 2017 at 08:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick.*



April 25, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *I always enjoyed talking with Rudy at school and whenever the teachers had a pot luck luncheon. Rudy always made something special and surprising. I recall a delicious por that we all thought was apple...but, instead it was made with vegetables from his garden. Rudy was a great teacher and friend to all who knew him. I am saddened that we won't see him at the next Christmas party. I am praying for comfort and strength for his family.*

Susan Schulz - April 25, 2017 at 05:38 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to Rudy's entire family! He was a great man and a wonderful educator. When I was a Home Ec. Teacher at Eisenhower H. S. , we did some things together! He brought in a salmon he caught and demonstrated to my students in Foods and Nutrition how to fillet it. One other time, he and his students made corned beef and sauerkraut, while my students made homemade rye bread. Yes, we all had Ruben Sandwiches together! He always made a lesson fun! He was so easy to work with and always had a smile on his face. RIP, Rudy! Hope you catch some big fish in heaven!!*

Carol Socha - April 25, 2017 at 04:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick.



April 25, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ I worked with Rudy for several years and knew him much longer. What a Guy! He kept us laughing and always was there to help. He never ceased to amaze me. The family and community has suffered a great loss. Prayers and good thoughts are coming your way. He is in a better place now. God bless Rudy.
Marie Gettings

Marie Gettings - April 25, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ 29 files added to the album LifeTributes

Visit Rudy's memorial website at www.WakemanFuneralHome.com to share your condolences and document your memorable stories, photos and more.



Wakeman Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2017 at 01:31 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick.



April 25, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ I have so many fond memories of Rudy when I worked with him at Eisenhower High School and then again at Heritage High School. He was a mentor to me and was always very encouraging to me even if I had the most silly ideas and notions about teaching and how to do things. He had such a caring way and a heart as big as Texas! His smile and humor were contagious and he always reminded me not to take myself too seriously. I am thankful for having known Rudy as a trusted friend and mentor for many years. My love to Sue and the family. Rudy will be greatly missed.
Lynda Slaggert

Lynda Slaggert - April 25, 2017 at 10:25 AM



“ Sue, we were sorry to read about Rudy's passing. It has been a long time since we have seen you, but think of you with good memories of our times together. Janet and Carl Morgan

Carl & Janet Morgan - April 25, 2017 at 09:37 AM

BR

“ *Dear Emerick Family,
My heartfelt sympathies go out to you. Mr. Emerick was my teacher for two years of biology and impacted the course of my career. When we were struggling with a task, such as creating a taxonomic key, he'd say "why does everyone think science (or biology) has to be hard?" I modified that phrase many a time for my kids when teaching a lesson on thinking something too hard to accomplish. Mr. Emerick's love of biology and science influenced my combining premed with technical writing into a career working in communications for a health system in West Michigan.*

Mr. Emerick was a great teacher and advisor who commanded the attention and respect of his students through his calm demeanor and a fine sense of humor. He will be missed.

*Bruce Rossman
Class of 1973*

Bruce Rossman - April 25, 2017 at 09:25 AM



“ *Mr. Emerick was a wonderful person. He taught me to drive and I had him for biology. I send my deepest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace and meet his maker with joy.*

Aida Olvera-Dyckes - April 25, 2017 at 09:19 AM

WS

“ Dear Katie, Doug & Family
May the Good Lord Give you strength, comfort & peace in you time of sorrow.
He was a beautiful person. Marie & I just loved his cooking for the senior lunches.
May he rest in peace. God Bless You All & God Bless America.
Wil & Marie Schaeff

Wil & Marie Schaeff - April 25, 2017 at 08:00 AM

SW

“ Mr. Emerick (or as we lovingly called him - Mr Bowtie) was an awesome teacher - he always had time to help, answer questions or just talk about things in general. Not only was he a fantastic biology teacher but he also did the honor of teaching me to drive. Many dear and fond memories of Mr E. I am so sorry for your loss - Hugs and prayers to your family. (Class of '75)

Sally Wade - April 25, 2017 at 12:22 AM

DS

“ I graduated in 1974. Rudy was a good friend and a mentor. Kind blessings to ALL.

Denice (Korbein) Stoops

denice stoops - April 24, 2017 at 09:17 PM

MC

“ I graduated from Douglas MacArthur in 1967. We'll be having our 50th class reunion this August. He was my biology teacher and I was his lab assistant in my senior year. I also babysat a few times for his children as I lived just down the road on Midland road. I remember taking care of the baby chicks on his kitchen floor! I remember his bow ties and his jolly personality! My thoughts and prayers are with his family!
Mary Clayton

Mary Clayton - April 24, 2017 at 09:04 PM

TD

“ I got to know Rudy best, when he was my critiquer for the spirituality talk that Randy Gay would not let me out of during a period of crisis in my life. I remember doing it over and over and over. Rudy really blessed me during that time in my life and helped me through a rough time. Thank you Brother.

Tom DePrekel - April 24, 2017 at 08:24 PM

KK

“ Many fond memories of Rudy. He was my mentor and friend. We spent some great limes fishing together. He was a gentle, kind man that would help anyone in their time of need. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

Kim Kolbe

Kim Kolbe - April 24, 2017 at 07:20 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rudolph (Rudy) H. Emerick.*



April 24, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ *On behalf of the Douglas MacArthur High School, Class of 1966 Reunion Committee, I would like to express our condolences. At our last few meetings for our September, 2017 reunion, Mr. Emerick's name came up often in terms of being a GREAT TEACHER, and a GOOD MAN. We were looking forward to visiting with him at our reunion.*

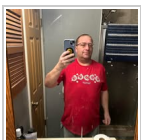
Mary Alice Watson Goedert, DMHS Class of 1966 Reunion Committee

Mary Goedert - April 24, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Jeanne and Eric Watz and family.*

Jeanne Watz - April 24, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ *Rudy was a great friend and brother in Christ will miss him at the LVCCM monthly meetings and the weekends and so on see u in heaven brother*



Scott Sayers - April 24, 2017 at 05:56 PM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Emerick family during this difficult time. Mr. Emerick was one of my dad's best friends. Our two families were very close, and I have fond childhood memories of Mr. Emerick as a kind, caring and compassionate man who loved his family more than anything! I remember dozens of fun fishing trips with the Emericks - lots of good times and laughter. It makes me smile to think that my dad now has his best fishing buddy back! May God Bless the Emerick family!

David Alexander - April 24, 2017 at 04:43 PM

LC

“ Mr. Emerick was my Biology teacher my sophomore year. He was a challenging, motivated, wonderful teacher who instilled a love of science in me. There was always a smile on his face, and a kind word of encouragement. And the bow ties! Always a bow tie! I became a science teacher because of his influence. May he Rest In Peace.

Laura Havercroft Clem - April 24, 2017 at 04:00 PM