



Roman F. Rycerz

July 8, 1951 - February 3, 2021

Roman F. Rycerz, 69, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021 in Libertyville, IL, due to lung cancer. A former resident of Mettawa, he lived at Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake for the past 3 years.

He was born July 8, 1951 in Chicago to Roman and Helen Rycerz. He grew up in Chicago and attended Weber High School, later entering Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI, where he studied electrical engineering.

A Silicon Valley pioneer, Roman began his career in California as a design engineer for Intel. He later joined Megatest at a pivotal moment and was instrumental in the company's success. He was remembered by his colleagues for his high-speed thinking, vision, sense of humor, and unconventional working style. He later returned to IL and worked as operations manager for Eagle Test and test tool manager for Motorola Inc. (later acquired by Continental AG) until his retirement.

Roman met his wife, Diane, in high school and they were married for 48 years with three children. He had a lifelong love of history, the outdoors, and travel, making memorable trips to Poland, Greece, and France. He shared these loves with his family, and vacations often included museum visits, camping, or experiencing a new state or country – or all three.

The life of every party, he looked for fun wherever it could be found. He loved entertaining his friends and family and making people smile, even on everyday errands. Roman was also a ham radio enthusiast, lifelong Grateful Dead fan, and endless source of memorable sayings, particularly “I may not always be right, but I’m never wrong.”

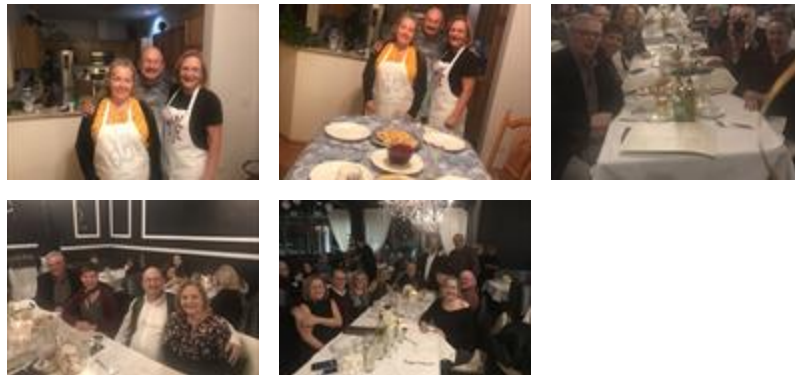
Surviving are his wife Diane (Lewan) Rycerz; children Jennifer (Matthew) Kallend, Roman Daniel Rycerz; and Jill Rycerz; and sisters, Mary and Annette Rycerz.

Due to COVID-19, a memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Lung Association. Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Steve A - March 05, 2021 at 01:33 AM



“ Diane, I just heard of Roman's death. I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Roman as that kind of crazy, carefree, sarcastic guy that he was in college. I suspect that never changed. And our canoe trips to Quetico. If I unearth a photo, I will post later. Again, my deepest sympathies to you and the family.....Larry McFarlane MU Electrical Engineering 1973

Larry McFarlane - March 01, 2021 at 04:27 PM

RP

“ Diane, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We know Roman will be sorely missed. We didn't know him well but enjoyed socializing with you and him at the Saddlebrook social club. He had a great personality and made our conversations very enjoyable and entertaining. We'll remember you in our prayers. Rick and Kathy Peterson

Richard Peterson - February 17, 2021 at 08:37 PM

SK

“ *Diane, I am so sorry for your loss. I am so lucky to have been introduced to you and Roman by Jo and Paul. I especially enjoyed our COVID 4th of July in Saddlebrook and watching the parade take a turn before it passed your house! Roman brought such life and humor to get togethers and he will be sorely missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers and I look forward to seeing you soon. With love, Sand Krakora*

Sandi Krakora - February 15, 2021 at 08:35 AM



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Linda Curtis - February 14, 2021 at 03:33 PM



Diane,

Dwight and I are saddened by Roman's passing. We miss him but are still remembering all the good times we had with you two. I hope these photos are worth a thousand words. Roman was always a great addition to the party and ready to have fun or be the best host!

Hugs to you and all your family.

Love, Linda Curtis

Linda Curtis - February 14, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JO

Diane, we didn't know you guys for too long; but, considered you both friends. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family. Hope to see you in March.

Jack and Cay O'Brien

Jack O'Brien - February 23, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JZ

“ *We hit the jackpot the day we met Diane and Roman in Saddlebrook .Our fast found friends are quick to laugh and an energizing couple. Roman demonstrated the ability to enjoy everyday things, with his adoring partner Diane; dancing, enjoying good food, great conversation and even bundling up in our garages for a COVID happy hour. We were blessed to have gotten to know Roman and feel blessed to continue our friendship with Diane.*
With love, Jo and Paul Zillmann

Jo Zillmann - February 14, 2021 at 09:35 AM

EH

“ *Hi Diane, Roman always said some thing entertaining and funny when we shared time with the both of you. He was a pleasure to be around. He was a wonderful person. We feel very sorry for your loss. Let us know if there's anything we can do to help you out in your time of need. Love, Liz and Eric Heneks*



Eric & Liz Henekd - February 12, 2021 at 10:26 PM

LK

“ We spent a lot of time with Roman and Diane in our 20s with the fondest memories. Our days shared starting megatest were the best of times and Roman was a huge figure in those memories. He was unique, funny, imaginative, and always a great friend. He will remain forever in my heart and as Jerry says "LOVE WILL SEE YOU THROUGH"
Linda Kannall

Linda Kannall - February 12, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DA

“ I met Roman when Diane and I were in the first Vernon Hills Players play. I got to know them both thru Gourmet Club and Garden Club and the Village Club of Vernon Hills. Our friendship deepened over the years and we came to see Roman as a very charismatic free spirit and always a gentleman so dedicated to Diane and filled with love and pride of his children. This is the saddest part of life, losing those we care for, but we have some remarkable memories and will always keep Diane lifted up in friendship. So glad you have pictured Roman in his iconic hat where he looks like he is ready for an adventure. See you in the Great By and By!

Diane Albert - February 12, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DB

Such warm heartfelt words from you and Steve, that may I just add that Kevin and I feel the same way and we are saddened by Roman's passing. We also became friends through Village Club of Vernon Hills and were able to bring our husbands together within different groups of the club. Our prayers Diane, and your extended family.
Deb and Kevin Boyle

Debora Boyle - February 12, 2021 at 08:00 PM

SA

“ Roman was a great friend. I will always remember fondly the get togethers we would have with my wife, Roman and his wonderful wife Diane. Whether it's making pierogis at their home (best pierogis ever!) or making pickle soup at our home, we had a very close connection that grew on each get together. Also, his going out of his way to travel to support my daughter's book endeavors really meant more than anyone can realize. I can go on and on, but I'll save it when we get together with our forever friend Diane. He will be sorely missed but his memory will live on forever in our hearts. RIP buddy❤️!

Steve Albert - February 12, 2021 at 01:54 PM

DC

“ Roman was a good friend for a lot of years. We drank together (often too much), we argued together (because that's what friends do). Roman was a good man, a man of integrity and accomplishment. We celebrated birthdays and the marriage of our children together.

Roman was a good friend, even though his life ends he will be remembered. He is still a good friend.

Dwight Curtis - February 12, 2021 at 01:51 PM