



Herman Walter Rock

January 29, 1940 - January 4, 2026

Herman Walter Rock, better known as “Rock,” passed away on January 4, 2026. He was born on January 29, 1940, and grew up in Deford, MI. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1958 and received his bachelor’s degree from Asbury University in 1962. In 1967 he moved to Georgia to study theology at Emory University. In 1990 he earned an associate degree in Mortuary Science from Gupton Jones College. He was an ordained Methodist pastor and a member of Morrow Masonic Lodge. He worked as a funeral director, schoolteacher, police officer, deputy sheriff, and ramp operator for Eastern airlines. He was preceded in death by his son Todd Rock, along with his parents, Henry and Ione (Reynolds) Rock. He leaves to mourn his husband, Stephen J Cordone; two sons, Luke Rock (Karen) of McDonough, GA and Marcus Rock (Josie), of Gainesville, GA; five grandchildren, Rachel, Maddie, Campbell, Hallie, and William Asher; a brother Henry Rock (Janet) of Mayville, MI and brother-in-law Victor Cordone of Inman, SC. He is also mourned by nieces, nephews and cousins, including two special cousins, Tim Reynolds and Emanuel Poulard of Nice, France, and his beloved dog, Martha. Visitation will be Friday, January 9, from 5:00-8:00 pm at Northside Chapel in Roswell. On Saturday, January 10 at 3:00 pm, a celebration of life service will be held at Ebenezer Church, formerly Ebenezer UMC, in Roswell. Rock passed into eternity with the assurance of Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

Cemetery Details

Novesta Township Cemetery

2895 Cemetery Road
Cass City, MI 48726

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA 30075
(770) 645-1414
info@northsidechapel.com

Celebration Of Life

JAN 10. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ebenzer Church
12900 Arnold Mill Road
Roswell, GA 30075

Tribute Wall

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“ So many memories of our friend Rock. What a man, a gentle man & good friend & always had something good to say about everybody. I remember lots of fun times from the annual Pig Jigs, to the Christmas parties & the wedding (boy was it cold too & what an event). One memory that I remember, not sure where it was, but I remember Rock telling me something crazy like “you get it, you enjoy yourself & you enjoy people & you party & have fun” & me saying something like ‘friends & people like you make me this way.’ We love Rock & Steve. RIP friend & until next time...

Dave Galan - January 09 at 11:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herman Walter Rock.



January 09 at 10:55 AM

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“ Charlie and Lee Hall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Walter Rock.

Charlie and Lee Hall - January 09 at 10:48 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herman Walter Rock.*



January 09 at 10:48 AM



“ *BLUE, ERIN, BEN AND JACKSON STILL purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Herman Walter Rock.*



BLUE, ERIN, BEN AND JACKSON STILL - January 08 at 11:31 AM



“ *BLUE, ERIN, BEN AND JACKSON STILL planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Herman Walter Rock.*

BLUE, ERIN, BEN AND JACKSON STILL - January 08 at 11:31 AM



“ *Rock was a cousin, friend, and a confidant. Loved him so much. Peace and comfort to you Steve and to all who loved our Rock.*



T Reynolds - January 07 at 03:33 PM

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“ Craig & Judy Crouch & Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Herman Walter Rock.



Craig & Judy Crouch & Family - January 07 at 03:13 PM

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Craig & Judy Crouch & Family - January 07 at 03:13 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michelle - January 07 at 09:57 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Herman Walter Rock.



January 07 at 09:44 AM