



C. Ronald Dufina

November 12, 2014

C. Ronald Dufina, 69 of Mackinac Island passed away peacefully November 12 at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace. He was born April 17, 1945 in Sault Ste. Marie to Charles Raymond and Selma Sally (Johnson) Dufina. He graduated from St. Francis High School in Petoskey and attended Western Michigan University. Ron was an entrepreneur and a prominent Mackinac Island business man. He and his wife, Mary owned several businesses on Mackinac Island, St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, many started by them from nothing. They owned the Balsam shop on Mackinac Island; many years; the Village Inn on Mackinac and St. Ignace; The Bike Shop in St. Ignace; Honest Rons in St. Ignace; Pellston Airport Restaurant; Phillips Jewelry in St. Ignace; and many others on Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City. He was never afraid to start a business that had potential and worked hard to make it prosper. He was a member of Wawashkemo Golf Club and a board member, and an avid golfer; Supervisor for Mackinac Island; DPW Board; Chamber of Commerce Board; Tourism Board; Yacht Club; Michigan Restaurant Association Board of Directors; Elks Club in Gaylord; Sault Tribe Chippewa Indians; active member of the Republican Party; and a life member of Ste Anns Catholic Church on Mackinac Island.

On June 3, 1972 he married Mary McCourt at Ste. Annes Church and she survives. Also a sister, Judy Bynoe, Mackinac Island; sister in law, Judy McCourt, in Florida; brother in law, Patrick (Peggy) McCourt, in Florida; nieces

and nephews; Katie McKay; Patty Shoenborn; Jamie Bynoe; Peggy Naben; Mary Ann McCourt; Kevin and Susan McCourt; Dan and Elizabeth McCourt; Sean and Beth McCourt. and several great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother in law, Robert Bynoe; nephews, Robbie Bynoe and Michael McCourt.

Mass of Christian burial will be Monday, November 17 at 12 noon at Ste. Annes Catholic Church on Mackinac Island with Fr. Ted Brodeur and Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. Burial will be in Ste. Annes Cemetery. There is an 11 am boat leaving St. Ignace for the funeral.

Those wishing to remember Ron may do so by directing memorials to Mackinac Straits Health System Foundation of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island; Wawashkemo Restoration; or the Cure P.S.P. with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, 240 McCann Street, St. Ignace 49781 who assisted with arrangements.

There will be a memorial gathering in Rons name in the spring at Horns on Mackinac Island.

Tribute Wall



“ *C. Ronald Dufina*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *C. Ronald Dufina*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *C. Ronald Dufina*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Ron was a real character: I am glad I got to know him well. He and Terry Gillespie were the two best Bois Blanc storytellers. My condolences to the family and to his widow Mary.*

*David North
The Norths*

David North - December 04, 2014 at 04:26 PM



“ *Marywords can't describe what a loss this is...known him since 18 years old!...always kidded him about being 3 months older than me!
A one of a kind guy and always a joy to be around..Mackinac would have never been as dear to me without Ron..so sorry for your loss..
Love you,
Chris & Lesli Nyland*

Chris & Lesli Nyland - November 19, 2014 at 02:36 PM