



Lawrence :Larry\" Parel

September 23, 2013

Lawrence O. "Larry" Parel, 71 of Mackinac Island died early Monday morning, September 23 at Mackinac Straits Hospital . He was born in Detroit on February 28,1942 to Lawrence and Helen(St.Onge) Parel. He graduated from high school and served in the U.S. Army before returning to Mackinac Island. He was very well known on the island; an Entrepreneur of sorts; holding many jobs. He was the first white waiter at the Grand Hotel and also a greeter. He painted for the Grand Hotel also. He drove taxi for Carriage Tours and had a Wedding Planning business also, the first one on the island. He loved politics, and ran for Mayor once. He was the oldest of 12 children, and was raised by his mother and step father, James "Beaver" Bazinaw. They both died years ago.

He is survived by his family; Col Jack and Jennifer Parel, South Carolina; Janice Green and Dave LaPine Petoskey; Doris and Richard LaPine, St.Ignace; Nancy and Ed Pfeiffelman, Mackinac Island; Clayton and Patti Bazinaw, St.Ignace; Judy and Chris Hill, Alanson; Dennis Bazinaw, St.Ignace; Ken and Gloria Bazinaw; St.Ignace; sisters in law, Janet Bazinaw in Wisconsin and Carole Bazinaw, Sault Ste Marie and many nieces and nephews.. He was preceeded in death by brothers, Dick Bazinaw; Reno Bazinaw, and David Bazinaw.and his parents.

As per his wishes cremation has taken place. A Memorial Mass will be later at

Ste Annes Church on MAckinac Island and will be announced. Those wishing to make donations may do so in his name to the Statute of Liberty on the Island or to the Mackinac Island Medical Center .with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, St.Ignace who assisted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence :Larry\” Parel*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lawrence :Larry\” Parel*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lawrence :Larry\” Parel*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Im afraid I don't have the words.The Island lost a very good man.A*

Charley Harkaway - October 03, 2013 at 05:05 PM



“ *We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Larry's family, as well as his"family of friends". Special people rest in the hearts of many. Prayers to all who knew and loved him!*

Jim and Michele Reitman & Family - September 27, 2013 at 07:39 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family. Larry was a great guy and will turely be missed.*

Mark & Donna (Francis) Makowski - September 27, 2013 at 07:28 AM

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“ To many Larry carried the title of "The Man, the Myth, the Legend, Parel". He was also just Larry and such a character- in such a positive way. He will not be forgotten by us and he will be missed. Thiis a fact as well as a sentiment that is felt by many. God Bless, and sincere sympathy to all of Larry's family and the Bazinaws near and far.

Candi and Brian Dunnigan - September 25, 2013 at 05:35 AM

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“ A good friend and quite a character. A visit to the Island won't be the same.
RIP partner.

James Leonard - September 24, 2013 at 07:51 AM

JF

“ Larry was special, a good friend of my family and mine for many years, always with an up beat attitude and willing to always help out when anyone needed. The island was always lucky when our guests would meet Larry when they visited, these guests would always leave with good feeling and positive attitude about Mackinac.
Overall Larry is one the last of his kind, man who had more style then anyone I had ever met, always leaving people feeling good about themselves. He will be deeply missed.

Jerry Murray & Family - September 24, 2013 at 04:57 AM

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“ To the family of Larry Parel, you have our deepest sympathy. He shared many interesting stories about Mackinac and we always enjoyed listening to him as we learned more about the Island. May the memories of his life help to ease the pain of your loss.

George and Judith Goodman - September 24, 2013 at 03:52 AM