



## Istvan \"Steve\" Hernek

September 25, 2014

Istvan "Steve" Hernek, 79 of West US #2, St. Ignace passed away Thursday evening, September 25 at Mackinac Straits Hospital following a fall of the roof of the Dune Shore Motel which the family has owned since the early 1960. He was born in Budapest, Hungary on April 23, 1935. His parents were Istvan and Anna (Toth) Hernek. He graduated from college with an Engineering Degree. In Hungary he was employed with the Institute of Mines. (Coal) He Came to the US. during the Revolution in Hungary.. He was in the 1956 Olympics with the Hungarian Team and won a Silver Medal in Canoeing. He has been on the National Ski Patrol at Holimont in Ellicottville, New York for over 40 years, and was still very active. The family has owned the Dune Shore Motel on U.S # 2 since 1960. He retired as an Engineer with Parker-Hannisin Corp. . They spent winters in New York . He was a coach for Olympic Kayaking and met his wife Maryann Duchai,, as her coach. She also was in the 1960 Olympics. They were married on October 29, 1960 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace. He is an active member of Immaculate Conception Church in Moran

He is survived by his wife of 54 years,, Maryann; 2 sons, Istvan (Edna) Hernek, Orchard Park, New York; Peter (Michelle) Hernek, Lawton, New York; daughter, Anna Marie Perkins, Versailles, Ky.; brother, Gyorgy and Eva Hernek, in Hungary; 9 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Friends may call at StIgnatius Loyola Catholic Church in St.Ignace on Sunday September 28 from 5 until 7 pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, September 29 at 11 am at Immaculate Conception Church in Moran with Fr. Pawel Mecwel officiating. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Cemetery later. Memorials may be directed to St.Ignace Right to Life with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, who assisted with arrangements.

Pallbearers are Cody Hernek; Stephan Hernek; Dave Homan; Jacob Perkins; Erik Rytten; and Jim Starkey...

# Tribute Wall



“ *Istvan \“Steve\” Hernek*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Istvan \“Steve\” Hernek*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Istvan \“Steve\” Hernek*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Linda and I are deeply saddened to hear mr hernek has passed. It's been really long time since we visited. Dune shores.*

**Bob&Linda Rathman** - October 13, 2019 at 02:59 PM



“ *I miss you, Poppy*

**Nikki** - September 25, 2016 at 05:00 AM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for his family,*

**Mike and Lara Gustafson** - September 29, 2014 at 07:12 PM

CM

“ On behalf of the Mackinac County Water Safety Review Team, we are so saddened to hear of the passing of Steve. Such a sad loss. We will surely miss his knowledge and interest in helping spread the word of Rip Current safety. We will miss his wit and those great stories he would share with us. Sending thoughts and prayers to his family and friends at this most difficult time.

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**Candy DeKeyser - Mackinac County Water Safety Review Team Member -**  
September 29, 2014 at 06:46 AM

GE

“ Maryann and family,

*Our hearts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. We will always cherish fond memories at Dune Shores Resort and how well Steve treated everyone he met. We pray that your hearts will remain strong. All our love.*

*Gray and Janet*

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**Gray and Janet Evans -** September 28, 2014 at 11:11 AM

BS

“ We are so sorry for your lose. You are in our prayers.

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**Bob and Sue Ann Sperling -** September 28, 2014 at 07:14 AM

MA

“ I feel like I have lost a dad. What a great, nice man. I will miss our conversations solving all the problems in the world. He was a class act in all respects and I am so thankful for having known him for the last 25 years. My heart goes out to his family. I hope to see you soon to celebrate his life. Mike Arce & Family

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**Mike Arce -** September 27, 2014 at 06:41 PM

LT

“ *Dear Maryann and family,  
I send my deepest condolences to you. I will always remember the  
summer of 2007 when My daughter, Christine and I worked at The  
Dunes.*

*R.I.P. Steve*

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**Lisa Trudeau** - September 27, 2014 at 02:58 PM