



Mary Rose Maurer

May 4, 1951 - December 31, 2020

Mary Rose Maurer, 69, of St. Ignace passed away peacefully early Thursday, December 31, 2020, following an eight-month battle with cancer.

She was born May 4, 1951, in Detroit to Michael and Rosemary (nee Mocariski) Maximiuk and attended Greenfield Park elementary school before the family moved to Walled Lake and she was graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1969. In high school, she enjoyed participating in the cave exploration club.

She was graduated from Michigan State University in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Development and where she met her husband, Wesley H. Maurer, Jr., in differential calculus class. They were married September 18, 1971, in Warren.

The Maurers celebrated the 50th anniversary of their first date December 7, 2020, and would have been married 50 years in 2021.

They moved to Mackinac Island in 1973 to work on the Mackinac Island Town Crier, owned by her father-in-law, and moved to Cedarville in 1975 after the family purchased the Les Cheneaux Islands Weekly Wave and the Republican-News and St. Ignace Enterprise, later renamed The St. Ignace News. Mary and Wesley became sole owners of the mainland publications in 1980 and of the Mackinac Island Town Crier in 1995, and Mary Maurer served

as associate publisher and business manager of the entire operation, Maurer Publishing LLC.

On Mackinac Island and in St. Ignace, Mary was active in women's volleyball and played in the St. Ignace women's softball league and amateur tennis team at Petoskey, affiliated with the United States Tennis Association. Mary was also in the first Emergency Medical Technician graduating class in 1974 for the Mackinac Island Ambulance Corps and in St. Ignace she was an active member of the community theater group, Playcrafters. She served on the board of Mackinac Associates from 2003 to 2012. At the time of her passing, Mary was a member since 1985 of the St. Ignace Library Board, serving as president in 2011; St. Ignace Community Foundation since 1999, serving as president from 2001 to 2004; Mackinac Straits Health System trustee since 2013, and, since 2015, Superior Health Foundation in Marquette, which funds unmet healthcare needs, research, education, and prevention programs throughout the Upper Peninsula, and on which she was an integral member of the grants committee. She was also a member of the Mackinac Island Yacht Club, Wawashkamo Golf Club, Mackinac Associates, St. Ignace Yacht Club, the St. Ignace Chocolate Society, and through the business, a host of civic organizations.

"Mary was a perfect friend, lover, traveling companion, and business partner," said her husband, Wesley. "She was determined, smart, and witty. She had compassion for all things small and vulnerable, be it a hungry squirrel or kitten, a sprouting plant or flower, or a child. Over 50 years of growing together and learning from each other, we shared admiration and respect and loved every adventure, whether traveling to a distant city or across town to a store. We just really liked being together."

In addition to her husband, she leaves five siblings and their families, Madeline Maximiuk of Macomb, Michael Maximiuk of Deckerville, Marlene and James Hoydic of West Branch, Marilyn and Carl McCauley of West

Branch, and Maureen and Tim Clark of Warren; two sisters-in-law and their families, Margie Shelton of Pinckney and Marilyn and Michael Baker of Dublin, Ohio, and many nieces, nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, May 20 at the St. Ignace United Methodist Church with Pastor Mark Thompson officiating. The Memorial gathering will begin at 10:00 AM. with the Memorial service beginning at 11:00 A.M. with Father Jim Williams giving the eulogy. There will be a light reception will follow at the St. Ignace Golf and Country Club.

Memorials can be made to St. Ignace Community Foundation, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, Mackinac Straits Health Foundation, or a charity of choice.

R. Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mackinac Island Cemetery

MI 49757

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Ignace United Methodist Church
615 US-2 W
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ignace United Methodist Church
615 US-2 W
St. Ignace, MI 49781

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rose Maurer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Mary Rose Maurer*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Mary Rose Maurer*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Wes, I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. She was a wonderful person with a generous and kind spirit and a great sense of humor. I have so many memories of my time working at the paper so many years ago, and her kind friendship and our many trips to Cheboygan to see movies. She made me feel so welcome. You have lost a great friend and partner, and know that old friends are thinking of you in this very difficult time.*

Susan Stein-Roggenbuck

Susan Stein-Roggenbuck - January 20, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ Dear Wes, I am sending up prayers for you to have strength to bear the burden of the loss of Mary, your beloved wife and companion. I was shocked when I learned Mary was gravely ill. Mary was a perfectly humble person and there are many of us that knew her and will miss that she is no longer here, but attending others as an Angel. Praying for you Wes that peace will find its way to you.
Lois (Grisso) Forte



Lois Forte - January 14, 2021 at 08:15 AM

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“ Wes. I am so very sorry for your loss of Mary. She was always so friendly and nice to me. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Lois Tower of Grand.

Lois Tower - January 12, 2021 at 11:53 AM



“ Wes you are in our thoughts and prayers. What a blessing it was for me to have my first job in newspaper be with you and Mary! Jim and I have so enjoyed our friendship with you both through the years since then. We will miss her.
Jim and Lisa Zyble

Lisa Dunn Zyble - January 05, 2021 at 08:27 PM

MR

My sincere condolences to you, Wes, and the family of Mary. I will always remember you and Mary dancing the night away at events we were providing music for. Mary will be missed.

Margie Rauch - January 08, 2021 at 08:49 AM