



## Perry Pingatore

February 12, 1930 - September 10, 2014

Perry Pingatore of Sault Ste. Marie died Wednesday, Sept. 10, at his home. He was 84. The longtime city businessman and volunteer, son of the late Orlando and Mary (Perry) Pingatore, lived for 72 years in the house that he was born in on Kimball Street, nearly 50 years of it with his wife, Beverly LeLievre, whom he married Sept. 27, 1952. Beverly preceded him in death in 2001. The Sault Area High School graduate owned and operated the family-owned Pingatore Cleaners dry-cleaning service for 55 years, and the business continues to this day. All the while, he was active in a variety of community organizations, serving on the board of War Memorial Hospital, First of America Bank, the Chippewa County Industrial Board (past president), and the Christopher Columbus Italian-American Society (past president). In addition, he was one of the originators of the Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Red Coats, which welcomes new businesses into the community, and he was president of the Rotary Club during the time that the group established Rotary Park. The riverfront park continues to be one of the more popular recreational attractions in town. He was also president of the Michigan Dry Cleaners Association and chair of the Military Affairs Committee that acted as a liaison between the city of Sault Ste. Marie and Kincheloe Air Force Base. Perry and Bev were avid Laker hockey fans and members of the Laker Club and Soo BlueLiners. Many student-athletes and Lake Superior State University staffers enjoyed Bev's spaghetti dinners in their home through the years. In addition to attending local sporting and social events in the community, the couple also

spent many days at their cabin on Lake Superior. The couple raised three children: Laurie (Chuck) Schmidt, of Rochester Hills; and Randy (Julie) and Ann (Dale) Lasecki, both of Sault Ste. Marie. They survive him, along with grandchildren Megan (Nik) Maguire, Erika (Justin) Thomas, Perry, Cara and Dana Pingatore, Garrett and Aaron Lasecki, and great-grandchildren Thomas and Emily Maguire. He is also survived by two sisters, Carolyn Ayers and Sylvia Wood, both of Sault Ste. Marie, along with many nieces and nephews, and his friend and companion Bernice Rutecki. He was also preceded in death by his brothers Landy and Eugene. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie. A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Jose Maramattam as celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of the EUP.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I enjoyed visiting with Perry while he was in town. He was a charmer! My sympathies to his family and to you, Bernice.*

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**Carol Hollander** - September 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Ann and family...I am so sorry for your loss. Perry was a wonderful man. When I rented the apartment from him I use to always bake him snacks. Never went a day without seeing him. He will be missed by many!*

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**Melissa Walters** - September 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Dear Laurie, Randy, Ann Marie and families,  
So sorry to hear of Uncle Perry's passing. We want you to know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.  
Deepest sympathies,  
Gene and Lori*

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**Lori & Gene Pingatore** - September 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *There are no words that can ever be said.... we love you all so very much. With love... Amy, Jason, Cali and Jack*

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**Jason Amy Cali and Jack** - September 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Laurie and Family,  
Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family. Your father will be missed not only by all of you but also by the entire Soo community for all that he did in his life. One never knows how our lives touch that of others, but certainly he was blessed to have had so much.

Much love,  
Joan and Dave

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**Joan & Dave Taylor** - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Laurie and Family,  
What a truly remarkable man!  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
With much love,  
Beverly, Travis and children

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**Dobosenski Family** - September 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ Prayers to the family. Mr. Pingatore will be remembered as a fine and caring man. He undoubtedly touched many lives with his generous personality.

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**Barbara Schmidt Posuniak** - September 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the entire family. God blessed you greatly with Mr. Pingatore during your short time on this earth. Praying that you find comfort and healing as you share memories of his life.

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**Nancy Turner** - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *He was a great Bother in Law and will be missed*

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**Richard LKelievre** - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Laurie, Randy, Ann Marie and families  
Your father was a large part of the city of Sault Ste. Marie MI, and a wonderful neighbor. He will be missed by so many. Sending our sympathies, Susan, Darlene, Tim and Mrs. Lee*

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**Darlene Goldacker** - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *My sympathy and condolences to all of the Pingatore family. Mary and Orlando were such good friends of my parents Rose & Andy Snider and I still today make "Mary's" recipe for spaghetti and meatballs. The best! So sorry for your loss. It's hard to lose those we love but they are in a place of peace and love.*

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**Jean Snider Haralson** - September 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM