



Steven Michael Akkanen

July 6, 1954 - February 15, 2024

Steven Michael Akkanen, age 69, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on February 15, 2024, at Freighter View Assisted Living in Sault Ste. Marie. He was born on July 6, 1954 in Sault Ste. Marie, to John and Barbara (Michaels-Ferguson) Akkanen.

Steve grew up in Racoon and graduated from Brimley High School as Valedictorian, class of 1972. He attended LSSU in the computer engineering program. He was an avid runner and played several sports. Steve was a dedicated employee for the City of Sault Ste. Marie for over 40 years. Early in his career, he was instrumental in transitioning the city into the use of computers and was the Y2K coordinator in the 1990s. In addition to his duties as a city building inspector. He also became the “go-to guy” for troubleshooting and fixing complicated traffic signal problems.

Steve maintained registrations with the state as a building inspector, building official, mechanical inspector, and plan reviewer. He was a member of the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association (NMCOA) and the Mechanical Inspectors Association of Michigan (MIAM). After retirement, he served on the city planning commission. Steve focused mostly on his work and his life at home.

Steve enjoyed working on the computer. He also enjoyed doting on his adored

wife of 29 years, and his beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Bella, Gracie, Rosey, and Goldie. He was a valued member of a group of guys who helped one another on building projects from roofing to other renovation projects. He will be missed by his closest friends, Darien Neveu and Robert Brown.

Steve is survived by his wife, Christine Akkanen; daughter, Erin; brother, John (Nan) Akkanen of Brimley, MI; sister, Karin (Ed) Pingatore of Brimley, MI, and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and nephews.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents, John and Barbara Akkanen.

At his request, no services will be held at this time.

Memorials may be given to Best of Friends Humane Society, 149 E. 7 Mile Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

As submitted by family

Family Life Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Chris, my very deepest sympathies go out to you. Reading of Steve's passing was a jolt to my system. You spoke of him very fondly always and I just want you to know that my prayers and thoughts are with you. I wish you, your children, and beloved Cavaliers deep peace. I know he will be missed so much. Raquel



Raquel - February 26, 2024 at 07:25 AM

SN

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Steve. I enjoyed working with him for over half of his career with the City. He was always willing to help in many ways including preparing the city for Y2K. My condolences to Christine, family members and close friends with Steve on this loss. You are in my thoughts during this difficult time. - Spencer

Spencer Nebel - February 17, 2024 at 11:59 PM

GB

Very sorry to hear of Steves death. He was a good man and liked by all. May he now rest in peace.
Gary Bennett

Gary Bennett - February 19, 2024 at 10:57 AM

PF

I did not think I could ever get a building permit on my own, but Steve made it easy. not only did he help me through the process of the permit, but also through the entire project. he taught me all the codes and how to build it. not just once, but several times over the years. I often would see Steve at Supervalu and he always took time to talk to me even though I knew he was busy. thank you Steve for everything.

Paul Figuli

paul figuli - February 20, 2024 at 01:06 AM

TM

Steve was a good man and great cousin, so sorry to hear about his passing, safe passage Steve you will be missed.

Tim McConkey - February 20, 2024 at 10:22 AM

RG

Christine, John&Nan, Karen&Ed and family. Our hearts break over the loss of Steve. Please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. If we can be of any help at all, please let us know. 🙏🙏🙏

Rev Chris&Lynn Gillies - February 25, 2024 at 02:31 PM