



Steven Ernest Perron

April 1, 1951 - October 2, 2025

Steven Ernest Perron, age 74, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away on October 2, 2025, at the Ball Hospice House with his sister by his side. Steve was born in Sault Ste. Marie on April 1, 1951, to Ernest and Elaine (Daniels) Perron.

Steve grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 1969. He went on to attend Ferris State College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. Following graduation, Steve began a long and successful career in retail, starting at JCPenney in Sault Ste. Marie before moving to Seattle, Washington. While in Seattle, he worked for JCPenney as well as Fred Meyer stores throughout the area.

In 1998, Steve returned home to Sault Ste. Marie and rejoined the team at JCPenney, where he worked until his retirement in 2017. When the Sault store announced its closure, Steve came out of retirement to help with the process, reflecting his strong work ethic and dedication to his colleagues.

Steve had a lifelong fascination with lake freighters and proudly considered himself a "Boat Nerd." He also had a deep love of aviation and could easily identify airlines by their logos alone. One of the highlights of his later years was fulfilling a bucket list wish: returning to Seattle one last time. In October 2024, Steve, his sister Rhonda, and his niece Staci traveled by Amtrak across

the country, reuniting with friends and former coworkers and enjoying the beauty of what is Seattle.

Steve is survived by his sister, Rhonda Hoornstra; nieces, Kirstyn (Robert) Beaulieu, Staci (Chad) Palo; great-nephew, Evan (Betsy) Kyle of Marquette, Michigan; great nieces, Emily Wilson, Brynn Beaulieu, Iyla Beaulieu of Sault Ste. Marie; great-great nephew, River Dale Kyle of Marquette; uncle, Ron (Chris) Daniels; and special friend, Gail LaMothe of Texas; as well as numerous cousins.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Elaine; brother-in-law, Dale Hoornstra; paternal grandparents, Theophil and Arbutus Perron; maternal grandparents, Clifford and Ruth Daniels; special aunt, Fran Horka; good friend, Mary Ann Sanders; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Per Steve's wishes, no services will be held.

The family would like to thank Dr. Sardar and staff of the Oncology/Infusion Department, the volunteer drivers for the Road to Recovery, and the volunteers at the Ball Hospice House for the wonderful care Steve received. He enjoyed meeting you all.

A very special Thank You to Father Dominic Afrifa for visiting Steve every day while he was in hospice. Steve was so appreciative, and it helped him feel spiritually ready to leave this earthly life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the MyMichigan Road to Recovery, <https://donate.cancer.org/>, or to the Ball Hospice House, 308 W. 12th Ave, Sault Ste. Marie, MI, 49783.

Family Life Funeral Homes – Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Obituary as submitted by family.

Tribute Wall

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“ Rhonda:
*You have lost so much - your parents who were a joy to be around and now your brother. I never met Steven but Bert had, and Steven sounds like a very special, loving person. We will keep you close with our prayers to give you strength!
Bert and Ellen*



Bert and Ellen Sutton - October 10, 2025 at 08:14 AM

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“ *Had many fun times riding with him and others back and forth to Ferris. Always enjoyed seeing him.*

Kathy Calery Sutter - October 09, 2025 at 05:51 PM

MJ

“ *I worked with Steve at JCPenney in the Sault. I worked with Steve quite a few years. Steve and I worked together sometimes. We made a lot of good memories. Steve sure will be missed.
Marge*

Marge Johnston - October 09, 2025 at 02:13 PM

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“ *Such a wonderful person! So happy we crossed paths and I met him. He was so true to his heart and loved from his heart each person he talked about and Loved his niece with all his heart. Missed his mom dearly and knew he would see her again. Until we meet again my friend, enjoy heaven and it's beauty*

Phyllis McKechnie - October 09, 2025 at 12:29 PM

GJ

“ I first met Steve in high school French class. Who knew that would be the beginning of a lasting friendship. He moved to Seattle in 1981 and our friendship continued until he moved back to the Sault. I was able to visit him before his passing. He was my very best friend. My heart is broken. Rest in peace my dearest friend. You will be missed always.

Gail LaMothe Jackson - October 09, 2025 at 10:43 AM

JR

I met Steve through Maryann. The three of us hung out together until I moved to Ottawa. I thought the world of him, Rest in peace my friend. Luv. Ya Judy

Judy Dube ..re_ Richie - October 09, 2025 at 03:08 PM

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Steve and I worked together at JCPenney from October 2000 until May 2009. His honesty, hard work, and knowledge of merchandising made Steve a pleasure to work with. Steve was always willing to help a customer and another associate, going above and beyond. He was loved and will be missed by many.

Ken Smith - October 09, 2025 at 06:56 PM