



Stephen P. Wnuk Jr.

September 22, 1933 - March 12, 2021

“Steve” Peter Wnuk Jr., 87, of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, passed March 12, 2021. Steve was born to Stephen and Julia (nee Bak), on September 22, 1933 in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts.

He graduated from Chicopee Falls High School and received a Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Norwich University in 1956. He married Vivian “Mimi” (nee Dahnke) in 1957, and they resided in various locations in Wisconsin and western Massachusetts, eventually settling in Lunenburg, Massachusetts. Together they raised five children.

He leaves his spouse Vivian of 63 years; sister Sally (Wnuk) Barg; children Stephen (Haila), Vincent (Kathy), and John; grandchildren Julie, Paul, Cynthia, Andrea, Rebecca, and Hannah; great grandson Matthew; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by children Margaret Mary, Joseph and Norman (Jean).

Steve was an engineer who began his professional life working on nuclear power plant designs. He later became an expert in experimental mechanics and, over the course of his career, contributed many advancements to the field of experimental strain measurement, especially for materials under extreme conditions such as at very high temperature or deep under water. He was cofounder of Hitec Corporation, and later founded his own firm (HPI)

specializing in strain measurement products and services. His business took him all over the world to many countries and involved him in many exciting projects. He was eager to share his expertise through technical forums and even taught briefly at MIT.

Aside from his professional accomplishments, Steve was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, cycling, living on a lake, fishing, ice-skating, and canoeing. He was a nationally ranked marksman and life-long athlete who played baseball in college and full-contact ice hockey well into his 70s. He conferred his passion for sports to grandchildren through teaching them to skate and bicycling with them often. Steve was a licensed pilot who owned his own plane and enjoyed flying around the country. He was a voracious reader who consumed books and articles covering a wide-range of topics.

Friends, family and colleagues will miss his sharp but good natured humor, his life-long enthusiasm for learning, and his indomitable will.

Services are private.

The family of Stephen Peter Wnuk, Jr. invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Steve was a good friend and neighbor when we were young. We reconnected in our 80's in Western Massachusetts. I have good memories of him and want to offer my condolences to the family.

*Bob Kusiak
From the old neighborhood in Chicopee.
413-538-4208.*

Martha - March 21, 2021 at 01:36 PM

JW

“ You will be very missed, Dziadzui!

Skating. Biking. Your flower garden. Reading. Lunches at Baileys. Breakfasts at Tinys so many years ago. Playing UNO. Salmon. Sardines. V-8. Doing your own yardwork. Having multiple books going at one time. Our trip to Italy. How affectionate you were with our dogs when you saw them. Finding you sitting on the deck of the little lake house when I'd stop over there, when you were taking a break from your biking. All your stories. I can't believe what a memory you had! (Even if you sometimes stretched/changed the story a bit, it was amazingly detailed and lucid.) And all of your love for me and the girls, your sons and your incredible wife, Mimi. These are some of my memories that I'll cherish. You will be missed.

Love to all of the family and friends of Steve.



Jean Wnuk - March 18, 2021 at 08:57 AM

AB

“ *May he Rest In Peace. So sorry for your loss, Steve and Family, you are in our prayers, Andy Berchin*

Andy Berchin - March 17, 2021 at 08:08 AM

LG

“ *Steve and family,*

Diane and I extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and yours, for your loss. We've read the obit. Your Father was an amazing man! You should be proud in his accomplishments, which not only fulfilled his personal goals, but also helped others. His legacy will profit from who learn from his life. His exploits/philosophies/values and accomplishments could surely teach and enrich anyone who comes in contact w/ them.

We are deeply saddened for your loss, and shall extend all our prayers towards whatever healing is needed for you and yours.

Lou & Diane Galmarini Jr.



Louis Galmarini - March 16, 2021 at 01:28 PM

JO

“ Steve,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. May the fond memories give you strength.

John and Iuliana Bobanga

John - March 16, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JH

“ Steve,

Our heart felt condolences are sent to you and your family along with our prayers. We hope that you are comforted with special memories of your Dad in the days to come.

In Sympathy,

Joan & Bruce Hill

Joan Hill - March 16, 2021 at 12:42 PM