



Steven Herzog

August 3, 2022

Steven Herzog of Strongsville, OH and an East Berne, NY native and man of many passions, died on Friday, July 29, 2022. He was 72. Mr. Herzog was the eldest child of William and Jane (née Komjathy) Herzog, born in Albany on December 3, 1949. While a boy in East Berne, Mr. Herzog enjoyed camping trips with his grandparents on his mother's side, Steve and Esther Komjathy, who also brought along some of Mr. Herzog's siblings and cousins. Mr. Herzog's wife, Sally (née Fargo) Herzog said that spending time with their grandparents meant a lot to him and his young relatives, and instilled in them many fond memories. Mr. Herzog graduated from Berne-Knox High School in 1968 and served for four years in the United States Navy, until 1972, as a 2nd Class Sonar Technician. He served an additional two years in the Navy Reserve, leaving in 1974. Mr. Herzog was proud but not boastful of his time in the military, Mrs. Herzog said, and had a tattoo on his arm of a woman in a Navy cap from that period, which he would jokingly tell people was of his wife, leaving her to point out that, as his junior by 11 years, she was around 8 years old at the time. The two had met each other in the late 1970s when Mrs. Herzog's sister, who worked for Mr. Herzog at a cash-register repair business, introduced them. They married a few years later, on June 6, 1981. "The proposal wasn't as fancy as they do nowadays," Mrs. Herzog said. "We were alone together and he gave me the ring and asked me to marry him." It was in part because of his sense of humor and easygoing attitude that Mrs. Herzog said yes, she recalled, adding, "We just made a connection right away." From

the '70s through the '90s, Mr. Herzog was a hobby racer, driving go-karts, stock cars, and dragsters on race tracks in the region. He also rode motorcycles. His interest in these things came from his natural mechanical aptitude ?? something he picked up from his father, uncle, and grandfather. ? On the quieter side, Mr. Herzog collected Hot Wheels model cars and sports cars, and would go on fishing and hunting trips in New York, Ohio, and Florida, sometimes taking his son, Andrew, along with him; he also liked to fish from his boat on Lake Erie, using handmade walleye lures. ? An engineer by trade, Mr. Herzog had been working for the New York State Office of General Services when he and his wife moved to Strongsville, Ohio in 1994, where Mrs. Herzog was following a job. In Ohio, Mr. Herzog was a plant electrician for Moen Faucet Corp. in Elyria, Ohio; a maintenance manager for Malco Inc. in Cleveland; a plant engineer for Thermagon Inc., also in Cleveland; and assistant engineer for JBC Technologies in North Ridgeville, Ohio. Mr. Herzog continued many of his hobbies in Ohio. He would golf with his daughter, Sarah ?? one time scoring a hole-in-one with her at the North Olmstead Golf Course ?? and became involved with the junior golf program that she was a part of. He was active with the United Church of Christ, in Strongsville, serving on the Board of Trustees, playing Santa at the annual Christmas party, and flexing his cooking muscles for potlucks and the free lunch program. Mr. Herzog's chili, in particular, was a favorite with the churchgoers. ? Mrs. Herzog's family liked his cooking, too. ? "Whenever we'd go back and visit family, they'd ask, ??Are you bringing [Mr. Herzog's] cheesecake with you?" she said, noting that he was the cook of the household during the entire 41 years they were married. ? He continued to camp in Ohio, too, at the Family Camping Center in Port Clinton, Ohio, where he and Mrs. Herzog had a trailer, and where he would drive his dog, Abby, around in a golf cart. They made many friends at that campground, which drew people from all over the state, Mrs. Herzog said. ? As a father who was very engaged with his kids when they were growing up, Mr. Herzog was especially proud of their accomplishments later in life ?? his daughter went on

to become a nurse and his son became a charter boat captain. In Mr. Herzog's version of his own obituary, Mrs. Herzog said, the former seaman referred to his son as Captain Andrew in a gesture of respect. "He was definitely very proud," she said. ****Steven Herzog is survived by his loving wife, Sally Herzog; by his son, Andrew Herzog, and Andrew's wife, Mallory, and by his daughter, Sarah Toth, and Sarah's husband, Dale. He is also survived by his grandson, Aiden Herzog; by his brother, Marty Herzog, and Marty's wife, Marie; by his brother Larry Herzog; by his brother Tim Herzog and Tim's wife, Lynn; by his sister, Kim Herzog; and by several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, two aunts, and several loving cousins. His parents, William and Jane Herzog, died before him, as did two sisters, Debbie Morey and Kathy Anderson. A memorial service will be held at noon on Saturday, August 13, 2022 at the United Church of Christ located at 13740 Pearl Rd in Strongsville, Ohio. The family will receive visitors at the church from 10 to 11:30 a.m. prior to the Memorial Service. A luncheon at the church will follow the service. His remains will be interred at the Saratoga National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Strongsville United Church of Christ at 13740 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *He was a great neighbor and friend*

Theodore Wagner - February 22, 2025 at 12:28 PM

JL

“ *So sorry to hear about your loss Sally. Please know that I am thinking about you today and my prayers are with you and your family.*

John Levis - August 13, 2022 at 10:54 AM

AR

“ *Sally very sorry to hear of Steve's passing. You two made a great couple. I enjoyed working with Steve when he was in the fire co.*

Ann Resnick - August 04, 2022 at 08:29 AM

LS

“ *Dear Sally & Family, I am sorry for the loss of Steve. He was a special man and loved his family. He will always be remembered by those of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. God bless each one of you. With love, Linda*

Linda Sami - August 04, 2022 at 07:31 AM

RS

“ *Sally, I'm so sorry for your loss. He will definitely be missed. Please know we're thinking of you and your family. Rosalie and Jim Stremple*

Rosalie Stremple - August 04, 2022 at 06:09 AM

MN

“ Sally & family - sooo sorry for you loss.. Steve will be missed by many & his memories will last forever - Hugs at this very difficult time !!

Marilyn Nardolillo - August 03, 2022 at 10:54 PM

LH

“ Although I did not spend a lot of time with Stevie growing up because he was 12 years older, I remember him returning home on leave from the Navy and him wearing his uniform. I also remember him riding around on his motorcycle and, once in a while, I'd get a short ride with him. After the family moved to Ohio, I was fortunate to go visit them several times and spend more time with Stevie. I always looked forward to his cooking and boat rides in Lake Erie. Family and friends will miss you Stevie, including your special girl Abby Doodle. Until we meet again

Lisa Herzog - August 03, 2022 at 06:24 PM

EC

“ Sally, Andrew, Sarah and the Fargo and Herzog families. I am so sorry for your loss. Seeing Steve's smile makes me remember his warmth, humor and the all-around good person he was. This is such a difficult loss. I am hopeful that he is at peace. May the wonderful memories you have bring you solace during this difficult time. Eileen

Eileen Newell Criscione - August 03, 2022 at 05:33 PM

LY

“ Steve was a quiet, humble, GOOD man. I would not have gotten the chance to know him if his daughter hadn't married my brother, and I am so glad I got the chance to meet and know him. My daughter, Mary, would often ask about Mr. Steve and living around the corner from him, she would be so excited if we ran into him at the store. We always say HI to Mrs. Sally and Mr. Steve when we passed by their house. Rest in peace sir.

Lynnette - August 03, 2022 at 05:17 PM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Stevie was a great guy! I have very many fond memories! Again I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers sent

Michael Healey - August 03, 2022 at 05:10 PM

TK

“ Many, many great memories with Steve, or "Stevie" as we often called him. Every moment with Stevie was filled with laughter, jokes and good old fashion fun. To his family, my heart goes out to you all. Though he is gone from here, once past the initial grief/sorrow, I know you too will have many moments to laugh about, and yes there will be tears also. Love, prayers and peace..

Tom Komjathy - August 03, 2022 at 04:44 PM

PW

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Steve's passing. We were in the same grade in school. I remember him driving my dad's stock car. He had the best smile! May you rest in peace cuz. Love Patty

Patty Gilbert Wagoner - August 03, 2022 at 03:55 PM