



Joseph J. Steiner

March 29, 1934 - March 18, 2025

Joseph John Steiner (March 31, 1934 – March 18, 2025)

Joe Steiner was a proud son of Iron Mountain. He grew up within throwing distance of Ranger Field where you'd find him with cousins, Gary & Ronnie Steiner, batting, fielding, and dreaming of playing in the Major Leagues.

Joe, the son of Stella and Joseph Steiner, was a 1952 graduate of Iron Mountain High School where he excelled in sports especially basketball, breaking existing Conference scoring records.

In January 1953 he signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox to play semi-pro baseball. When a shoulder injury cut his baseball career short, he returned to the town he loved and married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Porro. With the help of family and friends Joe & Margaret purchased a lot (eventually 4) next to Ranger Field and built their own home.

The next 67 years tell the story of a devoted husband, a loving father, a spontaneously fun grandpa, a converted cat-lover, a dedicated employee of 7-up and Peninsula Beverage Companies, a coach of youth football, a player/coach of local baseball teams, a dedicated HS basketball referee known to drive through snow storms across the U. P. to get to his games.

Later in life Joe & Margaret were regulars in the City Park Bocce league, but even as life slowed down you could always count on Joe to be "The Life of The Party".

The last 5 years of Joe's life highlight the blessings of living in the Iron Mountain Community. He received the unbounded support of neighbors: Lisa & Sam Trebilcock, Len & Terry Lindeman, Bruce & Marsha Torretti. He received deliveries by Meals on Wheels; equipment and supplements from The Cancer Closet; In-Home Health Care – all the things that allowed him to remain in his home until he moved to MaryHill Manor.

He is survived by his daughter Kim (Michael) Murphy; grandsons Christopher & Brett Murphy; sister-in-law Kathleen Porro (Donald) Erickson; and niece and nephews Alan Lammi, Brett (Wendy) Ruby, Brian Ruby, Jason (Tiffany) Foote; Erin (Brad) Alan.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret; son, Joe Paul; and the neighbor he called the son of his heart, Sam Trebilcock.

The family is grateful for the extra-ordinary, loving care provided by the staff at MaryHill Manor and their extra efforts to facilitate the daily telephone visits.

At Joe's request, a private family service will be held at a future date.

Condolences to the family of Joseph Steiner may be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I spent many a year in the retail grocery business. I had the pleasure of working side by side with Joe on many occasions. I have never witnessed a more dedicated employee than he was to the Peninsula Beverage Company. Joe, you did your time and then some, RIP my friend, until we meet again, Rex A. Angeli.

Rex Angeli - March 21, 2025 at 10:56 AM

KJ

Im posting this on behalf of my son Joey JP Steiner, who is already in heaven, and I'm sure he welcomed his Grandpa, along with his Grandma, and Dad. You are all together in a beautiful place, may you all rest in peace with each other. My deepest condolences to the Murphy's, and all that loved the Steiner's. Karen Jenson

Karen Jenson - March 22, 2025 at 08:03 PM

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Our uncle Joe jr and sr where the BEST relatives one could have asked God for. Our mom and dad just loved them so much every holiday when we were young the Steiner family was always around on family gatherings. The families always enjoyed each others company. Laughter and card games always broke out. Miss the good times and family in heaven now. God is enjoying their company now.

MaryAnn and John Webb - July 18, 2025 at 10:45 AM