



Vaughn William Makary

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Mr. Vaughn William Makary, age 72, passed away at his home in Delray Beach, Florida on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 following a two-year battle with cancer. Vaughn was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on September 3, 1949 to William E. and Ruth (Gibbon) Makary. He graduated from Grove City College with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and from Kent State University with a Master of Business Administration. Vaughn devoted his fifty-one year career to the steel, metal casting, and railroad supply industries. He formerly served as President and as a board member of the Steel Founders' Society of America and at one time, was responsible for 33 factories worldwide. He was the owner of Michigan Steel and recently consulted on the building of a new steel manufacturing facility in the United States. Vaughn was an avid golfer and was a member of several clubs, including Muskegon Country Club, Spring Lake Country Club, and Mizner Country Club. He was an eternal optimist. Even though he was given only 4 months to live following his cancer diagnosis, he battled the disease for 2 years and was able to work until his very last day. He was devoted to his family and especially cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren. On August 12, 1972, Vaughn married the former Catharine Dunlevy in New Castle, Pennsylvania. She survives him along with their daughters, Meghan (Steve) Kanzer and Tudor (Aaron) Dixon; five grandchildren, Merritt, Larkin, Elin, Bonnie, and Noelle; sister, Sandra (Geoff) Odell, and his beloved Shih Tzu, Piper. A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Vaughn will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 15, 2022 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. MEMORIALS in memory of Vaughn may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Events

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Memorial Service

 **Friday**, July 15, 2022

 2:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444





Tribute Wall

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Milan Jerabek posted:

"No one shall be forgotten who was great in this world; but everyone was great in his own way, and everyone in proportion to the greatness of what he loved."— Søren Kierkegaard, Fear and Trembling
My deepest sympathy to Cathy, Tudor, Aaron and other members of Vaughn's great family, which he loved above anything else. Vaughn will be missing to all of us. Not only as a person, but also as one of the biggest experts on the steel foundry business in the world. Steel castings were his passion, he could see the casting process in its entire complexity but understood every single detail and it was always inspiring to work with him on common projects. Rest in Peace, Vaughn. Milan Jerabek
Czech Republic

July 15 at 2:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Makary family.



July 14 at 11:12 AM



The Webers posted:

RIP Vaughn. A loving Husband, Father and Grandfather. Our former neighbor and a dearly missed friend. God Bless you and your family!
Bill and Mindee Weber

July 14 at 9:23 AM



The Webers shared a photo to the **Friends** album.



July 14 at 9:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Makary family.



July 14 at 7:16 AM



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Edward Staunch posted:

Dear Cathy, please accept our condolences and sympathies to you and your family in this time of sadness. Vaughn and I had known each other since we were college freshmen. We immediately became friends and both pledged the same fraternity, rooming together. We shared many good times, some ups and downs; but had a strong respectful friendship. I remember Vaughn's drive and passion for life and for work, his zeal in developing our company and furthering and expanding the impact and focus. I remember his outgoing personality and wonderful sense of humor. Vaughn loved his family deeply, his children and grandchildren and was always willing to talk about them and their accomplishments. I thank him for the opportunities that we had. We reconnected at Omnicast for 12 years. Those times were not always easy, but provided great satisfaction and enjoyment and expanded our boundaries and views on life and work. Please be at peace. It is a difficult time, but you have a very wonderful and strong family. Again, our deepest sympathies. Edward and Carole Staunch

July 14 at 5:19 AM



Edward And Carole Staunch sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Makary family.



July 14 at 5:01 AM



Bruce Keagy posted:

Cathy-my sincere condolences on losing Vaughn. Always enjoyed the friendship, competition and laughs even if he did stand on the wrong side of the ball. Best to you and the family. Bruce Keagy

July 14 at 4:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Makary family.



July 13 at 2:10 PM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Makary family.



July 13 at 12:38 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Makary family.

July 13 at 8:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Makary family.

July 13 at 6:20 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Makary family.

July 13 at 6:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Makary family.

July 13 at 5:37 AM





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Fond memories of good times shared with our dear friends



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Vaughn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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