



## Steven Arthur Stenman

October 20, 1964 - July 23, 2024

Steven Arthur Stenman found peaceful rest in heaven in July 2024. He was 59.

Steve was born on October 20, 1964, in Cadillac, Michigan, to Art and Dorothy (Faunce) Stenman. His family moved to Alpena, Michigan in 1975 and Steve graduated from Alpena High School in 1983. He attended Eastern Michigan University and eventually moved back to his hometown where he spent the majority of his life. Steve is father to Nickolas Stenman, and was very proud of Nick's academic and athletic achievements.

Steve enjoyed sharing his creative talents, huge personality and big brain with family, friends and the community while acting in local theater, crafting bold paintings and murals, cooking, belting out tunes on karaoke night, and winning every Trivial Pursuit game he played. He was a very talented performer and was most proud of his roles in Beauty and the Beast (Gaston), Escanaba in 'da Moonlight (Reuben), and Escanaba in Love (Albert Soady Sr.).

Steve was a veteran of the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division and served his country proudly in Korea and Operation Desert Storm.

Steve was loved and surrounded by a supportive family and friend group. He

struggled to cope with alcohol addiction and mental health issues, which led to his passing.

Steve is survived by his mother, Dorothy, and son, Nick, and a large family who will greatly miss his sense of humor and giant hugs: Shari Donley (Jerry), Christine Lawrence (Rick), Scott Stenman (Sherri), and Heidi Dell'Acqua (Tony), and many nieces and nephews. He is welcomed with open arms in heaven by his father, Art, and other beloved family and friends.

In celebration of his life, family and friends will cherish Steve's bright moments in remembrance. He was a big person with a tender heart -- funny, smart, talented and a unique soul on this earth. In this moment of sorrow, his family is comforted by knowing he is finally free of his pain and addiction struggles and is no longer suffering. A special thank you to Merri Jo Dawson of the Cadillac VA Clinic for her care and support.

Steve's life will be celebrated on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services, 205 E. Cass St., in Cadillac. Visitation begins at 1:00 pm with the memorial service following at 2:00 pm with Rev. Michael Horlocker officiating. Burial will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorial gifts be made to Nick Stenman, 23 West Sharlear Dr., Essexville, MI 48732, to be used toward his University of Michigan education. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
info@petersonfh.com  
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Moreno Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Steven Arthur Stenman.*



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**The Moreno Family** - August 31, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Steven Arthur Stenman.*



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August 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ *Deana and Mike planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Arthur Stenman.*

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**Deana and Mike** - August 30, 2024 at 11:09 AM

PP

“ *Steve was a gifted actor. I will never forget his comedic touches when he appeared in "Escanaba in da Moonlight," and "The Odd Couple." - Pat*

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**Pat Paveglio** - August 26, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Arthur Stenman.*



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August 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM



“ *My deepest & sincerest condolences. 😞 Missy Slocum-Coon*

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**Melissa** - August 22, 2024 at 12:17 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to all of Steven's family and friends. His father was the brother of my first mother-in-law Ella Mae Swanson. May the light that he was forever be lit in everyone's heart. Rest In Peace in the arms of God in heaven.*



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**Raylene Kruger** - August 21, 2024 at 03:13 PM



*My dearest Army Airborne!  
I'm so sorry we never will be able to get together at our reunions!  
I'm Thankful for us being able to speak together on the phone!  
I will miss You my Friend!  
AATW brother! Rest in Peace!*

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**Christopher J Peterson** - August 22, 2024 at 07:13 PM

BI

“ *Great American Hero. Gone too soon. He loved his Friends. He loved his Family. His Brother Paratroopers.....he'd give his life for them, as they would him. Selfless, caring, funny, strong, Brother. Words that describe Moose. Rest Easy, Brother. Keep watch over us from the high ground.*

Bill - August 17, 2024 at 07:45 PM

NS

“ *Steve was my best friend and is the reason I am still alive today. I served with Steve in Iraq during Desert Storm. When our unit was assigned to clear bunkers around an enemy airfield I almost stepped on a land mine and Steve pushed me out of the way seeing the three metal prongs sticking out of the sand. He always downplayed the incident telling me that I would have done the same for him. I stayed in touch with Steve over the years... I will miss him and hope that he has finally found the peace that he deserved.*

Nathan A Seabrook - August 17, 2024 at 05:33 PM

SC

“ *Steve (Moose) and I served together in the 82nd Airborne. He was a good man and looked out for others. The stupid jokes and laughter was always infectious and kept us occupied during long waits and endless flights.*



Stephen R. Cosmanic - August 17, 2024 at 03:19 PM