



## Steve Furmanski

September 20, 1957 - February 21, 2011

Steve “Kook-eye” Furmanski, 53 of Crystal Falls, passed away on Monday, February 21, 2011 at his home.

He was born on September 20, 1957 in Crystal Falls, son of Ida (Schiavo) and the late Raymond Furmanski. He attended the Crystal Falls schools, graduating from Forest Park High School in 1975. He was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls. He married Shellie Aho on June 7, 1980 at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Steve worked as the Meat Manager at Jubilee Foods for many years. He was a member of the United Lutheran Church. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening and throwing horseshoes. He was the founder and the initiator of the local Fisheree. He was a great father, who loved spending time with his daughters.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Furmanski, and a brother in-law, Robert Westcott.

Steve is survived by his wife of nearly 31 years, Shellie Furmanski of Crystal Falls; daughters, Jenna Furmanski of Escanaba, and Hannah Furmanski at home; his mother, Ida Nelson of Crystal Falls; brothers, Raymond (Patsy) Furmanski of Daggett, MI and Duane (Terri)Furmanski of Eden Prairie, MN; sister, Patricia Westcott of Crystal Falls; mother in-law and father in-law, Dulcie and Jerry Aho of Crystal Falls; sister in-law, Sally (Will) Ross of Crystal

Falls; brother in-law, Bill Hautala (Jeanelle Maki); and many nieces, nephews and cousins

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. The funeral service will be held on Saturday at 10:00am at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. Rev. Michael Laakko will officiate, and Pastor Cheryl Spicer will co-officiate.

Burial will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ken "Heet" West, Bill "Buzzy" Galbraith, Mike "Streb" Schiavo, Tommy Westcott, George Hilberg, Gary "Shef" Hilberg, Rich "Archie" Smithson and Ray "Niemers" Niemi. Honorary pallbearers are Mike Horst, Duane Furmanski, Ray Furmanski, Will Ross and Bill Hautala.

Condolences to the family of Steve "Kook-eye" Furmanski may be expressed online at [www.nashfuneralhome.net](http://www.nashfuneralhome.net)

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home  
104 North Third St.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

## Funeral Service

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM (CT)

United Lutheran Church  
509 Superior Ave.  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ DEAR SHELLIE ,& GIRLS,

WE ARE SO VERY SORRY,,, WE HOLD YOU IN OUR PRAYERS !

LOVE GLEN & MARY

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**Glen & Mary Kudwa - FRIENDS** - March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Ida and family*

*We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your son, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Penny (Clark) Mendini, Amber Clark - Iron Mountain, MI** - March 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Cindy and Axel Anderson** - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *God's peace.*

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**Diane (McNeil) and Rob Emo** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Duane and Terri: We are thinking of you and your family. Spending time with loved ones helps to remember the great times in all of your lives, enjoy the memories. There probably is a story or two to tell about brothers growing up. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers, Deb and Joe

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**Deb and Joe Schiesl - Eden Prairie, MN - friend of Duane and Terri family -**  
February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ there are no words to express our symathy for you all. You are in my prayers. with love terry & jim

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**Jim & Terry [Ketola ] Maki - friends -** February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ MAY GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY

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**MATT & KAREN SILVIE - FRIEND/ CO=WORKER -** February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I'm truly saddened to hear of Kook-Eye's passing, and my thoughts go out to all his friends and family--in particular, Shellie, Jenna, Hannah, and Tom and the crew at Jubilee Foods.

*This week I've thought a lot about my days working at Jubilee with Kook-Eye, and how I would cut through the meat room to get to the back of the store just to exchange some sarcastic comment with Kook-Eye.*

*Kook-Eye helped make one of my first jobs enjoyable, helped me feel welcomed, helped me relax when my first job got chaotic. I'll always remember him and thank him for that.*

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**Travis Margoni - Corvallis, OR - Friend -** February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Steve's family. Thinking of you at this sad time. My prayers for your comfort and healing.*

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**Jan Kohon Ream - Classmate** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *To the Furmanski Family:*

*We are praying for friends to comfort you, faith to uphold you and loving memories to help you smile again.*

*With all our love and prayers*

*Roger and Pam*

*Tyler, Stephen and Christopher Pagel*

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**Roger and Pam Pagel - Friend** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Shellie, Duane, Ida and Family of Kook-Eye*  
*My sincere sympathy to you all...you have been in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. May God grant you comfort and peace, may Steve's smile forever live in your heart. God Bless...Cindy and Family*

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**Cindy Albiero Hillier - Marquette, MI - Friend** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *To the entire family I send my prayers and sympathy. Shellie and Ida, my classmates(1978) my heart goes out to you during this difficult time. I pray the honor that is being given to Kook-eye as a true friend and life-long community "yooper" helps carry you through and will give you some comfort.*

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**kathi Phillips - friend** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies to Ida, Duane, Shellie and the entire Furmanski Family. We are holding you in our thoughts and prayers and only wish we could be there for you at this sad time. We have all lost a "Good Guy".

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**Jon & Sue Christensen - Marquette, MI - Friends** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Shelly, Hooter and all of Kook-eye's family,

*Ryan (Fredericks) and I are just so deeply saddened for your loss. We pray for you and we wish we could be there for Kook-eye's services. We will always remember him. We were not aware of him starting the fisheree, but year after year, one of us has enjoyed the event with him and because of him.*

*May the good Lord shine his face upon you, and may you know that Crystal Falls as a community was truly honored to have him as a friend.*

*With love and sympathy,*

*Sharon (fka Fredericks) Mitchell and Ryan Fredericks*

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**Sharon Mitchell - Friend** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Furmanski Family:  
We are so saddened by the loss of "Kookeye". Words cannot express the sympathy we all feel for your family. Each of us share many happy, wonderful memories of the good times the boys spent with Jenna & your family, growing up, swimming, riding horses, & just loving life in general. For a summer or more there, the boys spent more time at your house than their own!! Try to remember all of those good times. Share your heart with friends & family. Kookeye will be missed by everyone who knew him. May God Bless you all.  
Love, Janine, TJ, & Justin Lambon & families

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**Janine Lambon - friends** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our prayers go out to you and your family. He was a wonderful person, helpful and always enjoyed talking about hunting with my husband. He will always be remembered as a caring individual.

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**Cynthia Absolon - Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To Kookeye's family, Kookeye touched many people with his down-to-earth personality and original wit. He left many friends and treasured memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this challenging time. In friendship, John and Lorna

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**John and Lorna Anderson - Friends** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ To Kookeye's family, The times I spent with Kookeye and our cronies are memories that I will always treasure. He provided many good times and laughs at camp. May God keep you in His loving care. Sincerely, Kelly

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**Kelly Makuck - Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ To the "Kookeye" Furmanski family, I have many fond memories of Kookeye when he visited my home with my son, Kelly. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Family friend,  
Bootsie

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**Ruth "Bootsie" Makuck - Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ To the Family and Friends,  
We have lost a great guy with an even greater sense of humor. He will be missed by all in the community. I will miss him too when I throw my first 'shoe this summer at Runkle Lake.  
Sincerely,  
Chuck Turvey

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**Chuck Turvey - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Kook-eye. Ida, Duane and Shellie my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love ya, Janice

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**Janice Pretto - New Orleans, LA - friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Shellie, Jenna and Hannah my thoughts and prayers are with you all . The love and support of each other will help you through this pain . Memories are what will keep him in your hearts forever. Kook-eye was a great man and always could make you laugh. That is how I will remember him, huge heart and a great sense of humor.  
Love you all Marsha

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**marsha andrews - friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Shelly, Jenna, and Hannah. Know that my family's thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of loss. I myself always looked forward to stopping up at camp during deer season to visit. He will never be forgotten and it just will not be the same for any of us, during the time that all of us hunters shared in the woods.

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**Brad "Smiley" Martin - Kaukauna, WI - friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

IF

“ Dear Shellie, Jenna and Hannah,  
The loss of Steve came as quite a shock to us. We loved chatting with him and found him to be a special person since he was in Hlgh School. Lots of fond memoies and loved that smile he always had for us. Darleen also sends her condolences for your loss. Steve was thought of as everyones friend. May the Lord be with you and all the family and Bless you with fond memories forever. Blessing and love to you and yours,  
Ione and Jim Condon

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**Ione and Jim Condon - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Shellie, Jenna, and especially Hannah-----my thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. I hope that happy memories can help to ease the feeling of loss.

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**Kathie Holkup - Crystal Falls, MI - family friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ To "Kookeyes" family

*I was shocked when I heard about Kookeyes passing. I had just talked to him this passed week. He was a wonderful man with a huge heart. I can remember since I was a lil girl my dad talking about going to see kookeye at the grocery store, or going to kookeyes camp. He will be missed by all that knew him. His memories will live on forever!*

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**Kalie LaVacque - Family friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ My sincere condolences to Kook-eye's Family

*I was deeply saddened to learn of Kook-eye's death and I would like to express my sincere sympathy to your family. It seems like yesterday that we were all at Shef & Chet's house for our 30th class reunion this past summer. Kook-eye was so proud of his sausage appetizers! He always knew how to make me laugh! I'll always remember what a down-to-earth guy he was; and that whenever I was around him, we always had a great time together. He truly will be missed!*

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**Gwendy (Peterson) Kohls - Cousin/Classmate/Friend** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Dear Shellie and family,

*I am so sorry about your loss. You will be in my heart and prayers*

*Love,*

*Teressa*

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**Teressa (DeVolder) LaBonte** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *To the Furmanski Family,  
I was so shocked by the death of Steve. I can remember many  
times spent laughing at his antics and enjoying his zest for life. He  
was one of a kind and will surely be missed by many. My sincerest  
sympathies to you all.*

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**Susan (Perry) Sullenger - Marquette, MI - classmate and friend** - February 24,  
2011 at 12:00 AM