



Steve Derežić

September 19, 1958 - January 3, 2025

Steve Derežić of Painesville passed away surrounded by his family January 3, 2025. He was born September 19, 1958, born in Ivanovac, Slavonija Croatia to the late Tomo and Julijana Derežić (Boros).

Steve is survived by his wife of 38 years, Vesna, children Adriana Kučinić (Pave), Tomislav Derežić (Randi) and Marina Musa (Željko) and grandchildren Elena and Mijo Kučinić, Nora and Olivia Derežić, siblings John (Maria), Stephanie Sutter (John), Joseph, Frank (Rosie), Branko (Sharon), Danijel (Aimee), and Andrija (Chrissy), brother-in-law John Nekić (Keri). Steve also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steve was a simple, sweet, kind man and everyone's favorite person to be around. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, brother-in-law and friend. He enjoyed the simple things in life, Tamburitza, the outdoors, and being with his children and grandchildren.

Friends and family to gather on Sunday, January 5, 2025, 2-7pm at Monreal Srnick Funeral Home, 35400 Curtis Blvd, Eastlake.

A Funeral Mass on will be held on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 11am at St. Paul Croatian Church, 1369 E 40th St, Cleveland, OH (Please Meet at

Church). Steve will be laid to rest at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Croatian Church
1369 E 40th St
Cleveland, OH 44103

Tribute Wall

LS

“ Vesna...I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Throughout the years of taking care of him and getting to know all of you through him, I am truly blessed. He was a great man with great pride for you and the kids. I am sending you many hugs and great sympathy to get through this most difficult time. Love to you and your family.



Lori(Dialysis)

Lori Smith - January 08, 2025 at 01:30 PM

DS

My sympathy to the Derezcic family.We lost our dear Mother and grandmother on December 13 after period of dementia she was 97..May they both rest in eternal peace 🙏🙏

Doreen Sullivan - February 22, 2025 at 04:35 PM

LA

“ Vesna, Adriana, Tommy and Marina I am sending a big hug to you and the rest of your family. Saying goodbye is never easy, but Steve will be remembered forever in our hearts for the wonderful and kind person he was. Love, Lana

Lana - January 06, 2025 at 05:05 PM

LG

“ Lana G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Derezcic.

Lana G. - January 06, 2025 at 04:52 PM

CA

“ So many great memories of my years when we were in the Tamburitzans. I remember, as if it were yesterday, spinning around the floor to a polka or a waltz at the Slovenian Home or dashing to the floor when they played our favorite kolos. Those were the days. We certainly were lucky and I am happy I was able to call Steve a friend for those years.

Rest easy, my friend💔💔

Chris Adams - January 06, 2025 at 03:31 PM

CB

“ CBRE planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steve Derezić.

CBRE - January 06, 2025 at 08:26 AM

MI

“ Dear Vesna and Family,
Our deepest condolences to you and the family.
So many great years and memories growing up knowing Steve thru Tamburitza and soccer.
You and your family are in our hearts and prayers.
Sincerely
Monica and Dino Insana and family

Monica Insana - January 06, 2025 at 04:41 AM

MC

“ Draga Vesna I dica
Except our deep condolence, may God give you strength to get through sad days, and bless Steve's souls. He sure was a good man.
Zvonko I Milica Rick and Suzy Cacic



Milica Zvonko Cacic - January 05, 2025 at 04:28 PM

LL

“ Sending love and prayers 🙏 to the Derezic family. I am so sorry for your loss.

God bless,
Laureen Lasko



Laureen Lasko - January 05, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DB

“ Some of my best memories were performing with Steve as members of the Cleveland Jr. Tamburitzans. Just a great person who was fun to be around. We will always hold on to those memories. Our deepest condolences and prayers to the entire family. Dale Bucar & Kathy Hornung

Dale Bucar - January 05, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steve Derezic.

January 04, 2025 at 06:42 PM

KA

“ We remember Steve from the Cleveland Jr. Tamburitzans. Steve was a great performer, always smiling & happy. I loved his whistle during a dance set. He was one of the greatest tammies. We have beautiful memories of Steve.

Karen Adams - January 04, 2025 at 04:15 PM

JA

Počivaju u miru kume.

Jakov Akrap - January 04, 2025 at 06:53 PM

SM

“ Dearest Vesna and family, we are heartbroken on the passing of our beloved Steve. He was a remarkable man, and his warmth and kindness touched so many of us. May he rest in eternal peace.
Tonci, Sylvia and family Marusic

Sylvia Marusic - January 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM

TP

“ The Bilaver Family (obj pok. Peše) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steve Derezic.



The Bilaver Family (obj pok. Peše) - January 04, 2025 at 02:40 PM

JZ

“ Dear Vesna and family -
Steve was such a wonderful, loving father and a warm friend, and we share your loss deeply. We'll never forget his always-present smile - our trip to Florida with him in the 70s, and dancing with him at many Croatian events. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Lord.
Love, Cookie, Joe and Randy Krizmanich and Judi & Ron Zivic

Judi Zivic - January 04, 2025 at 02:38 PM

DI

“ May you rest in peace, and may your family find comfort, our condolences
Mladen, Diana, Anera and Luka Grubisic

Diana - January 04, 2025 at 02:18 PM

LS

“ *Many memories of long ago with the tamburtizans. Glad I got to see you recently. God bless you and RIP* ”

Liz Sartain - January 04, 2025 at 12:36 PM