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Arthur Thomas Wunderle, 81 died Tuesday, December 11, 2018 surrounded peacefully by his family.

Art was born on July 23, 1937 in Cleveland, Ohio. He attended Holy Name High School and Fenn College, now Cleveland State University, majoring in engineering. It was his cherry red 1957 Chevrolet that caught the eye of the love of his life, Margaret, when she asked him for a ride in it. They married in 1959 and have been inseparable for the last 59 years. When she had a stroke on Christmas Day, 2017, he made sure that he did not miss a day to be with her through her rehabilitation. Theirs was a love story beyond words.

Art was a jack of all trades. He could build, fix, or engineer anything. His standard answer for anything was “I’ll make it out of wood.” Much to Marge’s dismay- he built his own Scamp biplane in the basement of their Cleveland home and even took flying lessons to take to the sky himself. It wasn’t until that cold January day years ago when he lost oil pressure and sank the plane in Tampa Bay. As the plane hit the water he said “if I die in this plane, Margie will kill me”. He then took to the ground and built his own 1932 Ford Roadster. This time he took Marge right along side him, a scarf covering her head of course...just like old times. He took this car to many car shows and won some awards. Proudly wearing the same t-shirt- “Flatheads Forever”.

Art worked as a industrial Arts teacher at Collinwood high School. He then worked as a heavy duty mechanic both in Cleveland Ohio, earning the rank of Master Technician. One day, a wrench froze in his hand and he decided it was time to move to Florida. His talents with Chevrolet and his attention to detail and hard work once earned him the use of a Chevy Corvette for just one year. It was in that car that he received his only speeding ticket.

He worked as a vocational instructor for PTEC and eventually retired as an educator from TECO energy.



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Art could crochet, knit, and sew. He spent many hours making pillows for the Mended Hearts Society. Art too- had quite the mended heart.

When he wasn't puttering in the garage, sawing, hammering, or fixing- you'd find him in front of his giant TV and surround sound- caught up in old movies. Black and White, subtitles, actors no one knew- Art could quote them all. And watched the same ones over and over. His DVD collection was more vast than some Blockbuster stores. Everyone knew what he was watching. The volume control was the only thing he and Marge ever argued about.

When it came to kids- Art was the father everyone should have. He always had enough time for homework help, to build your science project, or just listen. No one had more patience than he did. But his biggest accomplishment was being a grandfather. Bumpa, Poppa, Bump, or whatever you wanted to call him- when those grandkids called, they were first.

Travel? Well Art never traveled with his kids...except to Disney. He is a fan of all things Disney and took many trips with the grandkids. We had to stay until the park closed. How he loved that Electric Light Parade.

One day he and Marge decided to join Art's sister and her husband, John and Dorothy Poe, on a cruise to Alaska. That was the beginning of many cruises and adventures. The group ventured to Panama, Hawaii, Ireland, New York, New England, all the Caribbean. Dad had to buy his own tux for the amount of formal nights they attended. And if nothing on the menu suited him, there was always Fettucine Alfredo.

No one wants to say goodbye to Art, he was a dad to everyone. He was the husband every girl should have. No one knows what to do now- dad had all the answers. And we can't fix our hearts.



Events


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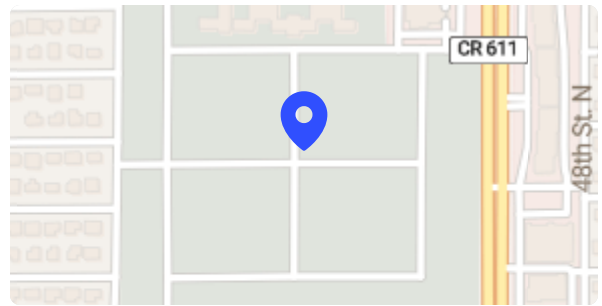
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Reception

 **Friday**, December 14, 2018

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Memorial Park Funeral Home and Crematory**
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709

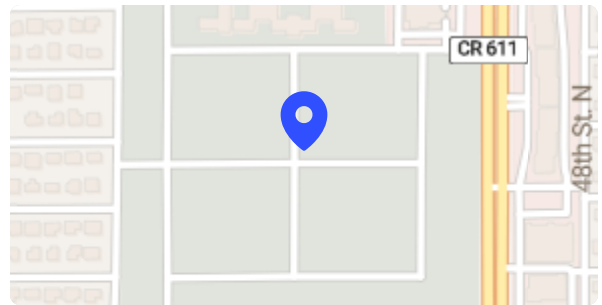


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Lorrie Cervello posted:

The eulogy said it all. Art, a blessing and joy to the world of realness and joy. My memories of Art is forever and more. His wife, Marge, is my rock of all ages and my dear sisterhood, spirited friend. Oh, I cry for her loss now. And for the children and grandchildren, even more tears. I know Art is holding ALL of yes tenderly, saying. "You'll gonna be alright, kid. Keep on smiling."

December 14 at 6:06 PM



Sally Carson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

What I remember most about Art is his sense of humor. He always had a smile on his face and enjoyed life to its fullest. He was a great family man and his family will miss him greatly. Rest In Peace.Sally Carson



December 14 at 9:13 AM



Rhonda E Cofield posted:

Marge and Susan: I am so sorry to learn of your loss. My condolences to you and the rest of your family. I hope your wonderful memories will sustain you in your loss.Rhonda Cofield

December 14 at 8:37 AM



Virginia Morrow posted:

My heart and prayers are with you all. Maria and Elena from troop 872 send you all their love. You will be in our thoughts.God blessThe Morrows

December 14 at 7:36 AM



Sueann Brockwell posted:

Such a sweet, gentle, talented, wonderful , loving husband, father, and grandfather. His Faith and family guided this sweet man through a life well lived, and respect from all. I am sure Dave is waiting to embrace you Art...God Speed and hugs. You will be greatly missed here on Earth.SueAnn and John Brockwell.

December 13 at 8:26 PM



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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 6:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 4:48 PM



Janet Schumacher lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

December 13 at 4:01 PM



Larry & Diane Wilberding posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Art Wunderle. May the Good Lord rest his soul. He was a wonderful man and loved by all that knew him RIP Art Larry & Diane Wilberding

December 13 at 2:25 PM



Mark, Ramona And Doris Delahunty sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 1:30 PM



Margie Friedman posted:

Art Wunderle was one of the nicest men you could ever meet. But beyond that he was intelligent, handy and sociable. Art was a constant stand up or sit down comedian and I for one will ALWAYS remember his smile and his laugh. We will all miss him but when we really think about him we will SMILE!

December 13 at 1:21 PM



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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 12:30 PM



Cat Paxton lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

December 13 at 10:50 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 8:46 AM



Sandra Wall lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

December 13 at 6:39 AM



Sandra Wall posted:

My husband and I rode out the hurricane with your parents last year. Art had his generator hooked up to the important things...the fridge, the TV and window air conditioner. We had a lot of laughs and enjoyed a fun time together. ❤️

December 13 at 6:38 AM



Ann T. sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 6:12 AM





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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 6:11 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 5:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 3:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 2:46 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Wunderle family.

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Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Wunderle family.

December 13 at 1:50 AM





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Karolyn Hornsby posted:

I remember going to the movie " Grandparents" (with Billy Crystal) with Art and Marge and several others. Playing games with Jeanne and Mick Mack. The beautiful car he built from scratch and what a wonderful job he did and how proud he was of it. Just a funny guy!

December 12 at 1:11 PM



Karolyn Hornsby lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



December 12 at 1:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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