



Stephen R. Cerez

December 26, 1950 - August 23, 2022

Stephen R. Cerez, 71, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 23, 2022. Born in Springfield on December 26, 1950, a son of the late Robert A. and Lois A. (Geoffrion) Cerez, he was a proud Technical High School graduate, where he excelled as a shortstop for the Tech Tigers. He was awarded a baseball scholarship to Michigan State University, earning his Bachelor in Communications degree while continuing to play outstanding baseball. Stephen worked for General Motors as a Supply Chain Management Consultant, retiring after thirty-three years of service. He had been a longtime resident of Michigan, and had been living in Shanghai and Beijing, China, for the past twenty years. Stephen is survived by his beloved wife of ten years, Ping Ping; three cherished daughters, Jennifer, Alyssa and Stephanie; loving sister, Patricia; several caring nieces and nephews; and many extended family members and friends in the United States and China. He was predeceased by his brothers, Dennis Cerez and Robert Cerez. Calling hours for Stephen will be held Saturday, September 10th, from 1-4PM at Kozikowski Funeral Home, 565 Front St., Chicopee. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Michigan State University Baseball Program, 1855 Place, 550 South Harrison Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **10**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RB

“ So sorry to receive this sad news and so long after he passed. Steve was a big baseball star at MSU when I was a freshman. I so looked up to Steve and his roommate and fellow MSU baseball standout Bailey Oliver and they basically adopted me as I lived across the hall from them in the Wonders dorm. They could not have been nicer. They taught me so much about life. Such great guys, so kind to me. God bless my man Steve and I hope and pray Bailey is alive and well. God Bless.

Robert Beck** - August 14, 2024 at 12:16 AM

PA

Thank you very much, such kind words.

Patricia - December 09, 2024 at 04:39 PM

WR

“ Steve and I became best of friends during our MSU baseball years 1969-1971. He was the best at keeping in touch though the years. I will miss his phone calls and reminiscing about MSU baseball and life in general. My best to Demi, who is the love of his life. With Deepest Sympathy . Whitey Rettenmund

Whitey Rettenmund - September 12, 2022 at 02:03 PM

JB

“ Sad news, much too young. A great guy & greater teammate. Not loud, he led quietly by example. Steve is a big part of a lot of great memories.
John Bedard

John Bedard - September 08, 2022 at 10:46 AM