



## George D. Stewart

September 1, 1938 - November 23, 2011

George David Stewart, 73, of Lexington, formerly of Grosse Ile, passed away peacefully in the company of his family on November 23, 2011 following a lengthy battle with leukemia.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years, Cynthia (Clark) Stewart; his son James Stewart and his wife Kristin (Afek) and their children, Ian and Alexander, of Grosse Ile, Michigan; his daughter Mary (Stewart) Steffanich and her husband Stuart and their children, Jacob, Shay and Cole, of Las Vegas, Nevada; and his daughter Sarah (Stewart) Papagelis and her husband Peter of Long Beach, California. George is also survived by his brother, Robert Stewart, his wife Kathy and their children, of Grand Rapids, Michigan; and many extended family members, all of whom he loved dearly.

Born in Northwest Detroit to the late Donald and Mildred Stewart, George attended school at Edison Elementary and Redford High School before earning his degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan. He served his country in the United States Marine Corp, then worked thirty-six years for The Detroit Edison Company in many capacities, primarily in power generation positions. Prior to his retirement in 1997, George was the plant manager for DTE power plants in Harbor Beach, Avoca, St. Clair (Belle River) and Marysville.

George treasured folk music and enjoyed singing and playing his guitar and banjo, performing for many people throughout the years. While residing in Grosse Ile from 1965-1992, he partnered with local folk music lovers to form

the East River Folk Society. Since then he has lived in Lexington, where he was a founding member of The Blue Water Folk Society and helped create Thumbfest and the Lexington "Music in the Park" summer concert series. In line with Mr. Stewart's wishes, his cremated remains will be placed in the Trinity Episcopal Church columbarium in Lexington. A memorial celebration of life service for family and friends has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Lexington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to The Blue Water Folk Society or the Trinity Episcopal Church Miracle Fund.

# Tribute Wall

PA

“ Hi Cynthia, We were so sorry to hear the sad news. He was a kind man and he will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Pat and Jerry Starkey

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**Pat** - November 28, 2011 at 04:59 PM

ER

“ Dear Cindy and family, We are grateful to have known George. He will be missed by all of us who new him, and was an inspiration to all. Ed and Susan Rowley

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**Ed and Susan Rowley** - November 27, 2011 at 12:33 PM

RM

“ Sorry to hear that George has passed. When I talked to him at the last Plant managers Christmas luncheon, he was very calm and told me that he was "At peace." Now he has entered that final peace where he will receive his his well deserved reward. We'll still miss him, but be comforted by the fact that to a Christian death is no more than blowing out the candle at daybreak.  
Ron McIntyre

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**Ron McIntyre** - November 26, 2011 at 09:52 PM

KD

“ I'm so sad to hear of George's passing. He was such an integral part of presenting the music he loved and was always gracious to everyone. I like to think that he's organizing a band up in heaven right now. He'll be sorely missed.

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**Kitty Donohoe** - November 26, 2011 at 09:21 PM

GY

“ I was deeply saddened when I found out about Georges passing I new George from the BWFS I am a member. I was impressed by his talent and respected him for who he was. Music was one of his passions, the other was family and freinds . George will be greatly missed I pray the Lord Wraps his arms around him and holds tight.

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**George Young** - November 26, 2011 at 08:58 PM

DK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Though we never knew Mr Stewart personally, we will always be grateful for his commitment to helping create Thumbfest. It has become an annual event for us that we always enjoy. What he gave will always live on.  
Dave & Jackie & Becky Kriesch

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**Dave Kriesch** - November 26, 2011 at 08:47 PM

DH

“ Dear Cindy and family, I feel so fortunate to have been able to work with and know George. He was a very special person and I will always cherish my memories of him. Dorene

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**Dorene Harling** - November 25, 2011 at 03:31 PM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear this news. I'm going to miss my hero tremendously. He made such a difference for all of us who knew him, and I believe the best thing George did was make so many people happy. What a wonderful legacy. My heart is with you Cindy and your family. Love Mimi

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**Mimi Johnson** - November 25, 2011 at 03:06 PM

KG

“ *I have such fond memories of George as a boss, mentor and friend. He was a wonderful caring person. I am so glad that Dorene and I were able to have lunch with him a couple of months ago. My sympathy to all of the family.*

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**Karen Greig** - November 24, 2011 at 01:09 PM