



Harold "Pudge" Sustachek

October 26, 1937 - October 10, 2011

Harold O. 'Pudge' Sustachek

RACINE – Harold O. 'Pudge' Sustachek, 73, passed away on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Hospice Alliance. Pudge was born in Racine, at St. Luke's Maternity on October 26, 1937, the son of the late Harold and Myrtle (nee: Christopherson) Sustachek. He was a 1956 graduate of Wm. Horlick High School. Pudge was united in marriage to Mary Ann Anderson, on July 13, 1957 at Franksville United Methodist Church, after which he became an active member, including serving as an usher. He had been employed at Racine Hydraulics, later known as Bosch, as a Hydraulic Repair Technician, retiring in 2001. Pudge was a member of the Wergeland Society, White Knights Snowmobile Club and the Machinist Union. He enjoyed bowling, golfing and fishing on his boat "The Norwegian Wood". Pudge loved spending time with his family and friends and always looked forward to their annual family vacation to Washington Island, something he had done since he was a toddler.

Pudge is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Ann and their children, Steven (Wendy) Sustachek of Racine, James Sustachek of Atlanta, GA and Joann (John Salituro) Sustachek of Union Grove; three grandchildren, James Otto Sustachek, Anthony Giovanni Salituro and Anna Francesca Salituro; brother, Jon Sustachek of Racine; special niece, Terry (Joe) Meddaugh, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Elsa (Bill) Zierten of Atlanta, GA, Andy (Dorothy) Anderson of Kingman, AZ, Pat (Dennis) Sorensen of Racine and Mike (Kathy)

Anderson of Madison. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends in Racine and on Washington Island.

Pudge was preceded in death by a sister and brother-in-law, Joanne (Bob) Monfeli.

Funeral services will be held at Franksville United Methodist Church, 10402 Northwestern Ave., on Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Marty Williams officiating. Pudge will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park after services. There will be a visitation at Sturino Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and at the church on Thursday, before services from 10 a.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Pudge in a special way may make memorials to Franksville United Methodist Church or to Hospice Alliance.

A very special thank you to Froedtert Hospital and to Hospice Alliance for the fine care Pudge received. We also thank our friends, family and neighbors for their love and support during this most difficult time.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Tribute Wall

DK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss.

Diane Kahle (Faillaci)

Diane Kahle - October 24, 2011 at 10:36 PM

JM

“ Pudge was always a major part of our great times during our Wisconsin visits. Who can forget cramped motel rooms in Door County on Packer game trips or tailgating with Gus & Bonnie? He will be greatly missed and now can join our beloved daughter Julie in Heaven and keep her company til we arrive.

Joey & I join your wonderful family in grieving for Pudge. We can tell you that in time, the sadness will lessen but the good memories never will.

The "Growler" has lost Pudge to growl at so that name should be retired - only to be brought up when we're remembering Pudge and that will be often.

With deepest sympathy and love,

Jim, Joey & Jan

Jim Monty - October 14, 2011 at 09:24 AM

JN

“ I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. He always kept me updated with your family with his pictures and few emails now and then. I remember several of your summer parties that you were so gracious to invite us to when the Monty's came to town. Pudge will always be with you. *Jim Nielsen (DeDe's ex)*

Jim Nielsen - October 13, 2011 at 09:58 AM

JM

“ Pudge thouroughly enjoyed life and was alway fun to be around. He will be missed

John Monty

John Monty - October 12, 2011 at 08:30 PM

BC

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Pudge. May God comfort each with memories of Pudge and with the knowledge he is with God. I will light a candle on Thursday for Pudge and his family.

Brent Cummings - October 12, 2011 at 03:04 PM



“ Dear MaryAnn & Family: No words can express the heartfelt sympathy we have for you and your family in this most difficult time in your lives. We only wish that we lived a little closer so that we could give you our love and support, but your in our thoughts and prayers. It was so exciting seeing the both of you 2 years ago after a 20 year lapse. We had the pleasure of meeting you and your family on Washington Island your favorite place, and of course we were introduced to "The Norwegian Wood" something Ralph and I will not forget. We so enjoyed the e-mails always making us laugh, we felt so connected even though we were so many miles apart. We will truly miss that. Our Deepest Sympathy Love Ralph & Connie Zaporzan your Canadian friends from Thunder Bay Ontario Canada.

Ralph Connie Zaporzan - October 12, 2011 at 02:52 PM

RZ

“ Ralph & Connie Zaporzan lit a candle in memory of Harold "Pudge" Sustachek



Ralph & Connie Zaporzan - October 12, 2011 at 01:47 PM

RZ

Dear Mary Ann & Family: No words can express our heartfelt sympathy we have for you and your family in this most difficult and sad time in your lives. It was such a surprise and shock to us reading the e-mail your daughter sent. We only wish that you were a little closer so that we could be there in person to give you love and support through the difficult days ahead. Please know that your in our thoughts and prayers. What a wonderful time we spent with you and Pudge 2 years ago it was so nice to have that reunion after 20 years. It was Washington Island that Ralph and I had the pleasure of meeting you and your family, and of couse "The Norwegian Wood" that we will never forget. We will miss his e-mails they always made us laugh he certainly had a great sense of humor, it made us feel so connected even though we were so many miles away. Our Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. Love Your Canadian Friends Ralph & Connie Zaporzan

Ralph & Connie Zaporzan - October 12, 2011 at 02:13 PM

LD

“ *Dear Mary Ann, Joanne, and Family,*

We are so sorry about Pudge, We will always remember him with his camera always with him. He always wanted to keep memories that way. We remember him that way at Johnny and Joanne's parties. We always liked talking about how the Packers were doing. He was a family man. He will be always be with our thoughts. Our thoughts and prays are with your family, Lidia and Mario DeFranco

Lidia DeFranco - October 12, 2011 at 12:28 PM

JM

“ Dear Family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Pudge. He always put a smile on my face with the numerous emails he sent. I'll never forget the time you guys came down to Kansas for the Chiefs - Packers game and we took the party bus. We had a fabulous time and I'm so glad we were able to share that. Heaven gained another Packers fan. My love and support goes out to all of you. You'll all be in my thoughts and prayers. Love to all, Russ and Jill (Monty) Maloney.

Jill Maloney - October 11, 2011 at 08:24 AM

HB

“ Dear Family, Sharing in your sorrow as you go through these days ahead, keeping you all in my prayers. What a nice photo and obituary tribute to Pudge. Hoping all the love and support from family and friends will help hold you up today, and in the days to follow. One of my distinct memories of Pudge was sitting next to him in the front seat while he drove to The Island. He played Margarittaville over and over while I dozed in and out of sleep, trying my hardest to hold my head up. Now I think of him everytime I hear that song. Hoping all the memories you have will sustain you, and help us all remember what he brought into our life. With sympathy,
Hope Bosak

Hope Bosak - October 11, 2011 at 06:44 AM

SR

“ *Mary Ann and family,*

What can I say about a man who loved life and loved sharing it with others. Jim and I were honored to share your 25th and 50th anniversaries on the "ISLAND". My heart is aching for all of you at your loss. Please know that memories and love get us through times like this..

Love, Sharon Reynolds

Sharon Reynolds - October 10, 2011 at 08:27 PM

JP

“ *Mary Ann, and family,*

Our deepest condolences to your family for the loss of your wonderful husband and father. He was a fun-filled, lighthearted man who deeply loved his family. We enjoyed Pudge's sense of humor, jokes, and his company when he and Mary Ann attended an Ugly Sweater Party at our home a couple Christmas' ago. He will be deeply missed, and the world will not be the same without him.



*With sincere sympathy and sorrow.
John and Jodi Porter*

Jodi Porter - October 10, 2011 at 05:47 PM

TS

“ *Harold "Pudge" Sustachek. His enjoyment in life came from making sure others enjoyed life. A fishing boat captain, who I never remember catching a fish...always gave the rod to someone else...but he was always glad to tell the tale to those of us who weren't there. R.I.P. Washington Island will never be the same.*

Tom Sorensen - October 10, 2011 at 04:48 PM

AP

Though we agreed to disagree on everything except the Packers and Golf. Pudge always had a way to make every situation unique and fun! He will be deeply missed, but greatly remembered by all. My RED CAN's up for you my friend, go make them laugh in heaven.
Sarge

Andrew Przytarski - October 11, 2011 at 08:54 AM