



## Steve Markovich, Sr.

July 20, 1948 - March 16, 2010

Steve Markovich, Sr., age 61, of Breedsville, passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. Steve was born July 20, 1948 in Linz, Austria, the son of Frank and Mary (Tomsic) Markovich. He moved to Michigan in 1954 and upon graduating from Bangor High School in 1967, he joined the United States Marine Corps. Steve served as a corporal in Vietnam during 1968 and 1969. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and the Military Order of Purple Heart. Steve loved fishing, umpiring, playing softball, and playing with his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, Iva, whom he married October 10, 1970; a daughter, Kathy (Gabe) Sparks of Grand Junction; a son, Steve (Dawn) Markovich, Jr. of Breedsville; 5 grandchildren, Sierra, Brandon, Stefanie, Eric, and Hunter; his first great-grandchild is in on the way; 2 brothers, John (Dorothy) Markovich of Grand Junction, Marko (Sue) Markovich of Knoxville, TN; a sister, Mary (Archie) Privett of South Haven. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Frank Markovich, Jr. The family will meet friends on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 PM with a rosary at 6:00 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home. Mass of Christain Burial will be 11:00 AM Friday at Sacred Heart Church, Bangor with Fr. Gordon Greene celebrant. Interment will follow in Breedsville Cemetery, Columbia Township with military honors by the Wilcox-Eastman-Salinas American Legion Post #160, Bangor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel  
258 West Monroe Street  
Bangor, MI

## Visitation

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
201 S. Walnut  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Barry Sostaric lit a candle in memory of Steve Markovich, Sr.*



Barry Sostaric - August 08, 2024 at 08:46 PM



“ *Iva and family, you have our deepest sympathy during this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories and strenght in the Lord.##imported-begin##Ralph, NanCe & Keith Piper##imported-end##*

March 27, 2010 at 04:40 PM



“ *To the Marcovich family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. May God bless you all and fill you with His strength. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. In sympathy, Ron & Pat Henry##imported-begin##Pat Henry##imported-end##*

March 27, 2010 at 08:37 AM



“ *Steve was a genuinely good man - my Vietnam buddy and life-long friend. I will miss you!  
My deepest sympathy is with the Markovich family and all of Steve's loved ones. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Jack Ameis##imported-end##*

March 24, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ i signed once before but never showed up I just wanted to say I miss him dearly he was an amazing man and i wish he was still here. grandpa i will always love you and miss you forever###imported-begin##sierra markovich##imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ Carmen & I are so sorry for your loss. He was a truly great man, husband & Father. He will be missed!!!###imported-begin##Micheal Hosier##imported-end##

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March 23, 2010 at 10:59 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies are extended at this difficult time. We are ever indebted to Mr. Markovich's service to our country as a Marine and to his service in the community. Our family enjoyed his gentle spirit and contagious smile.###imported-begin##Bruce, Diane & Dane Henson of Illinois##imported-end##

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March 22, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ Iva and family...  
My sincerest condolences to all of you on the passing of Steve... I pray that God will hold each of you in His arms as you travel through this painful time...

I wish I lived closer...

Love,  
Carolann##imported-begin##Carolann Pacer-Ramsey##imported-end##

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March 19, 2010 at 08:47 PM



“ TO THE MARKOVICH FAMILY,WE ARE SO SORRY TO HERE ABOUT STEVE[GRANDPA] HE WILL ALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS, AND HE IS STILL VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE NEW GREAT GRANDBABY,SIS HE WELL BE BY YOU SIDE AT ALL TIMES,GOOD BLESS TO ALL THE MARKOVICH FAMILY. LOVE DEL&DEB HOOPER AND FAMILY.##imported-begin##DEL&DEB HOOPER##imported-end##

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March 19, 2010 at 04:06 AM



“ Steve was one of the good guys and a gentleman. Lost a good friend this week. Iva and all of the family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Gregg & Rae Kurasz##imported-end##

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March 18, 2010 at 11:47 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with your family. Remember those softball days...  
Dennis Rainey

March 18, 2010 at 10:42 AM



“ Steve was always the person to make you laugh. I will always remember how he used to tell me to go home. He will be missed. He will always be in my thoughts and heart.

March 18, 2010 at 10:26 AM



“ Sorry for your lost. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love ya

March 18, 2010 at 10:16 AM



“ You were more than a Father-in Law to me. You were a Dad to me. You were always there for me when I needed someone No Matter what. You will be missed dearly. I love you. And Miss you alot.

Love your Daughter in law  
Dawn Markovich

March 18, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ *Uncle Steve,  
You were truly one of the "good guys". Your ability to brighten everyone's day will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Frank, Dawn, Claire, and Frankie Markovich##imported-end##*

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March 18, 2010 at 09:02 AM



“ *Oh Uncle Steve,  
What will we do without your bear hugs and your laughter? You are going to be missed so much.  
God Bless you sweet man,  
Love,  
Robin##imported-begin##Robin, Alan, Noah and Nicholas Markovich##imported-end##*

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March 18, 2010 at 12:30 AM



“ *Kathy and Family*

*We were so saddened to learn of the passing of your father. It was a great privilege to care for him at the VA. We could tell he was a very special member of your family and know he is truly going to be missed. Take Care....##imported-begin##Nola Frye RN, Dr. Diaz, Sylvia Goodwin, Team B staff##imported-end##*

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March 17, 2010 at 10:30 PM



“ dad your my best friend and i will miss you i will not forget all the good times we had hunting and fishing and how you thought me to play ball i wish you were here to make me laugh you will always be my bestfriend I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU LOVE  
STEVIE###imported-begin##Steve Markovich jr###imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 10:18 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Steve was a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family. Now he's playing ball and fishing in the heavens.###imported-begin##Katrina Crill###imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 09:06 PM



“ i love you papa and i will never ever forget you i love you more then anything and anyone you are the best person in the whole world###imported-begin##hunter markovich###imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 06:24 PM



“ Steve will be missed by all who knew him. He was certainly too young to leave us. May he rest in peace, and may his family find peace.###imported-begin##Margaret McCabe###imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 05:13 PM



“ Steve was a good man, good Marine, good husband, good father, good grandfather, good friend and good umpire. He will be missed.###imported-begin##Elizabeth Urquhart###imported-end##

March 17, 2010 at 05:09 PM



“ hey grandpa,  
i miss you and im glad we got to spend the great memories we had  
and every time i got ready for a pagent and you would mess up my  
hair and tell me it looks better when you tuch it..... i love you  
grandpa and you will always stay in my heart!!!!

MISS YOU DEEPLY!!!##imported-begin##stefanie  
markovich##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 04:19 PM



“ You will be greatly missed as everyone who knew you loved your  
strong spirit and sense of humor.

Our love goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Linda and  
Ernest Sparks##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 04:10 PM



“ Uncle Steve,

I am so happy we had the chance to spend some time together last  
year. You are such an amazing uncle and will be missed by so  
many. Rest in peach and love with God till the day we see each  
other again. I love you more then you will every know.##imported-  
begin##Monika, Alfred, Tierra, Keoni and Kemoni Pene##imported-  
end##

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March 17, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ RIP Big Steve. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as begin the journey through the deep soul pain of grief.##imported-begin##Theresa Jim Hogan##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 12:53 PM



“ We are very saddened by your family's loss!! We loved and will greatly miss Big Steve. Hugs to Iva and the rest. Please let us know if you need anything.##imported-begin##Tammy & Nancy##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 12:29 PM



“ you will be greatly missed. i love you brother.##imported-begin##marko markovich##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ my favorite brother in law. i love you and u will be greatly missed. former umpire of derek jeter!##imported-begin##sue markovich##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ my thoughts and prayers are with you. uncle steve was a great and loving man. he will be greatly missed. i love u all##imported-begin##jenna weaver##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 12:20 PM



“ Kathy, We're so sorry to hear about your dad. Just know that he's in a better place. Maybe he and our mom sharing Breedsville stories. Love to all.##imported-begin##Melissa Lull and Kris Martin##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 10:21 AM



“ Dad, I miss you so much, I know you are now in a better place and no longer in pain. Have fun on the ball field in the sky. I love you love kathy##imported-begin##Kathy Sparks##imported-end##

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March 17, 2010 at 07:57 AM



“ Steve, God Speed you on your journey, Bless and protect those whom you left behind.##imported-begin##Rick Dillman##imported-end##

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March 16, 2010 at 09:26 PM



“ To Steve, my all time favorite umpire – and an even better person. You will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Gary Taylor##imported-end##

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March 16, 2010 at 04:51 PM



“ to the Markovich, family,  
i am so very sorry to hear about your loss.  
you all are in my heart, thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.  
sincerely, Mary McKenna.##imported-begin##Mary McKenna##imported-end##

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March 16, 2010 at 04:36 PM