

ENDRE CSOMAN

April 17, 1938 ~ August 17, 2022



Endre Csoman, 84, of Patterson Township, went to be with his loving Lord on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 and into the arms of his late dear wife Arlene Csoman, whom he married on June 3rd, 1961. Endre was surrounded by his family in the last days of his life in the beautiful home he made with Arlene, on Darlington Road in Patterson Township.

Until his recent illness, Endre would faithfully visit Arlene's grave site at the cemetery everyday tending to a small flower garden he made for her and taking fresh flowers from his home. Endre loved spending time at his cottage at Pymatuning Lake which he built by hand with his sons.

Born April 17, 1938, in Szentdomonkos, Hungary, he was the son of the late Lajos and Julia Csomány. Arlene and Endre first met at a harvest dance at a Hungarian Club in Hazelwood in 1957. It was Arlene's father, Alexander "Shine" Kovacs, who was first to greet Endre at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Hazelwood, which sponsored refugees following the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. Endre traveled from his small village with his dear cousins and best friends, Joseph Fabri and the late Andre Spagina. They first escaped to Austria, then to Germany, before arriving at Camp Kilmer in New Brunswick, N.J., a former Army camp that became a resettlement camp for some 30,000 refugees following the Hungarian Revolution.

Endre and Arlene were active members of the Third Avenue Calvin Reformed Church in Beaver Falls, where he served as Chief Elder for a number of years. He was recognized in 2008 as an Exemplary Church Worker by the Calvin Synod Conference of the United Church of Christ. His church family was dear to Endre.

Endre was actively involved in the Hungarian-American community, and he served as an unofficial historian, once being interviewed on Hungarian television. On March 13, 2012 Endre was honored by the Government of Hungary for a lifetime dedication to the Hungarian Community in the United States with a special ceremony at Parliament in Hungary.

Endre was proud of his vocational training and work in the steel mills in Beaver County. After many years of such work, he was elected as Vice President of the Hungarian Reformed Federation of America in Washington, D.C., where he worked for eight years. Following that, he served as Vice President Fraternal at the William Penn Association in Pittsburgh. At both the HRFA and the WPA, Endre started the tradition of Hungarian picnics, first in Ligonier and then at Penn Scenic View in Youngwood. Many friends and colleagues would gather for days before to make all the food preparations for the chicken paprikas and goulash. Through his work, Endre and Arlene had the great joy to travel to Hungary many times together and share their love of the culture and language with many friends. Endre was recognized in 2006 as the Fraternalist of the Year by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Congress.

He is survived by five children and their spouses, Julia Csoman, Patterson Township, Endre "Butch" and Nadine Csoman, New Galilee, Kati Csoman and Emil Nagengast, Huntingdon, PA, Joe and Connie Csoman, North Sewickley Township, Louis and Renee Csoman, Chippewa Township; five grandchildren, Alan Csoman, Shaunte Csoman, Otto Nagengast, Hanna Csoman, Levi Csoman; and three great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Csoman, Ashton Curry, and Gage Curry and three step-grandchildren Nadine Foik, Chad Shaffer and Tyler Shaffer. Endre Arlene is also survived by many relatives in Hungary, most notably his beloved cousin Margit whom he called on a regular basis.

The family is grateful for the support of the Allegheny Health Network hospice care team and especially for nurse Rhonda and nurse Nicole and health aid Karen.

Friends will be received on Saturday, August 20 from 10 am to 1 pm in the **HILL & KUNSELMAN FUNERAL HOME**, www.hillandkunselman.com, 3801 Fourth Ave., College Hill, Beaver Falls. A brief service will be held at the Funeral Home at 1 pm and a committal following at the Chapel at the Beaver Falls Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be planned in the fall at the Third Avenue Calvin Reformed Church in Beaver Falls.

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