



## William Sid Holodnick

May 8, 1948 - April 18, 2023

William Sid Holodnick, age 74 of Port Hope, passed away Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born on May 8, 1948, in Lexington, to the late John and Leona (Champagne) Holodnick. Sid and Nancy Reibling were united in marriage on March 24, 1972 in Aldingen, Germany. Sid received his Masters Degree from Ferris State University and worked in education his whole career. He was a teacher for many years, and ended his career as the technology Director for Muskegon Heights Public Schools.

Sid deeply loved Port Hope and its people. He left a piece of himself in many projects around the community. He loved woodworking and building restoration. He was a huge member of the Port Hope Area Historical Society, which just recently finished the Port Hope Depot and was currently working on the Brinker Lumber Yard. He enjoyed playing and singing music. Including participating in the All For Hymn choral group. He also enjoyed doing genealogy research and being with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Holodnick of Port Hope, children: Stefan Holodnick of Auburn Hills, Karl (Beatrix Czeglédi) Holodnick of Northville, Peter (Erin Largent) Holodnick of Marquette, 3 grandchildren: Charlie, Maeve, Flora, siblings: Jack Holodnick, Jim (Jessica) Holodnick, Sue (Mike) Healy,

Steven (Cherie) Holodnick, brother-in-law Dan Kramarenko and many nieces and nephews.

Sid was preceded in death by his sister Nancy Kramarenko and sister-in-law Beth Holodnick.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service for Sid will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 11 am at the Port Hope United Methodist Church, with Rev. Karen Kinney officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. Friends may gather at the church, beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11 am. Arrangements are being handled by the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach.

Memorials may be given to the Port Hope Area Historical Society.  
Memories can be shared at [www.RamseyFH.com](http://www.RamseyFH.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Port Hope United Methodist Church  
4521 Main St  
Port Hope, MI 48468  
(989) 479-6053

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Sid Holodnick*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *Our condolences to Sid's family. I pray that everyone effected feels the loving arms of Jesus enfolding them through the actions and words of others.*



**Corinne Fuhrman Abraham** - April 22, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *As I recall, I first met Sid through his brother Jim back in the mid-60's at the family home a few miles north of Elkton, Michigan. Jim was my age and Sid was just a couple of years older than us. We were all teenagers qnd attended Elton-Pigeon-Bay Port Hiigh School. I have fond memories of us getting together at their home and playing our guitars or just having a good time back then. May you rest in peace Sid.*

**Frederick Ewald** - April 21, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.*



April 21, 2023 at 06:11 PM

SR

“ *When I first met Sid, I thought he was a very special person. As I became to know him better, I new I was correct. He is a very nice, special, kind, caring person. God Rest his soul, Sharon Rutz*

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**Sharon Rutz** - April 21, 2023 at 02:10 PM

KF

“ In 1964/65 I was an exchange student living with Nancy, Cal and Lela on the farm north of Elkton. I was extremely well welcomed, mainly by them but also by their relatives and the whole community. During the hay harvest in 1965 Cal called Sid to help. I think that was when Sid's and Nancy's relationship started. We already knew Sid from riding the same school bus every school day. From then and on we have been in touch – since internet came along through e-mail and Skype. Nancy worked for a couple of months in Stockholm early 70: ies which gave us a chance to see each other fairly often. And Sid came to visit. In 1997 we, including kids, met in Germany when we were all on vacation. In 2015 I visited Nancy and Sid when I came to Michigan for the 50-year reunion of class -65 of Lakers high school. Then we also did some traveling. Then I was so happy to see the good life they had with house and friends, their joyful and respectful relationship, and their firm interest in the restoration of Port Hope. I was truly impressed by the restoration work Sid was doing. And in 2018 Nancy, Sid and two friends came to see us in Sweden which I appreciate a lot. With Sid I especially appreciate his humor and attitude to life, humanity and togetherness – in many respects the same as Cal. It has been so good having that friendship for so long. And it is so sad to find out that Sid is no longer with Nancy. They were such a wonderful couple. I know Nancy has three caring sons and many caring friends. My thoughts stay with you, Nancy. Lasse says the same.  
Kerstin Frenckner / Chris



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Kerstin Frenckner - April 21, 2023 at 12:05 PM

JR

“ Sid and Nancy rented out the upstairs apartment (designed by Sid) where I lived for several years in Oberlin. I had the privilege of watching Stefan, Karl, and Peter growing up. Sid was the best landlord anybody could have. Not only could he fix anything; every repair was an opportunity to learn something. That included the lessons in agriculture and ecology I got about the compost pile he kept next to the vegetable garden he and Nancy cultivated in the back yard. I've never known another person who had his unique combination of technical skill, aesthetic refinement, intellectual curiosity, kindness, and love of humanity. He was a natural teacher who never stopped learning himself. In recent years, I used to call Sid whenever I needed advice on fixing some old electronic device or broken bookshelf. He always taught me something new. Sometimes, even when I didn't bother him with a phone call, I could deal with household chores simply by asking myself: "What would Sid do?" Thinking in line with his spirit was enough of a model to inspire me, and I am sure it will continue to do so for years to come. His family, friends, and a wide community reaching from Port Hope to the many places he lived and traveled to (or researched) are all better people for having been touched by him.

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Jeremiah Riemer - April 21, 2023 at 11:32 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.



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April 21, 2023 at 10:16 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.*



April 21, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ *Not only was Sid Steve's brother but we also knew him when he worked for Bob Smith on building our in law apartment. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ed and Shirley Krieg. Formerly from Caseville now Alabama.*

**Shirley Krieg** - April 20, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.*



April 20, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.*



April 20, 2023 at 04:44 PM

PG

“ So very sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my prayers for comfort and healing.

*-Patti Gardner, friend of Sid's sister Sue.*

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**Patti Gardner** - April 20, 2023 at 03:17 PM

BW

“ Nancy, I am so saddened to hear of Sid's passing. As others have said, Sid was a special person in so many ways. Always kind and warm-hearted, we worked closely together at Kent ISD in the 90's and continued to see you and Sid socially until you moved to Port Hope. Sid was given the task of developing middle school Technology Education throughout the KISD school districts. He was so helpful to everyone and it was not a surprise to hear of his success there. He quickly became the state-wide leader in the Tech Ed movement. We were the two curriculum specialists at KC/TC and worked closely to develop a number of projects, new curricula and staff training. He was so full of life, so positive and caring that it was almost impossible to not be enveloped in his light. He was so talented in so many areas, especially in helping KISD become a leader in educational technology. I see Sid in each person's comments. They are so comforting. He was the best friend I'll never forget.

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**Bob Westdorp** - April 20, 2023 at 10:09 AM

CG

“ It is with a heavy and sadden heart to hear of my cousin’s passing away. Have so many wonderful memories of experiences, visits and long conversations with Sid and Nancy. He was such a giving person and loved life. Will miss him dearly. God bless you Nancy and may Sid’s soul rest in peace.

Carl Gross  
Middle Barton, England

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Carl Gross - April 20, 2023 at 08:47 AM

AL

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Sid and Nancy’s family and friends. 💔 🙏 ❤️ Much love to Nancy from your “old” Oberlin, Ohio neighbors and friends. We still have the much treasured “souvenir” cookie cutter that Sid crafted out of one of our trees. Sid will be missed by so many. ☐  
John & Anne (Lambie) Cogley & Margaret Lambie



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Anne Lambie - April 19, 2023 at 09:46 PM

DG

“ So sorry. You were the best neighbors. I remember your family fondly. God bless you.  
Dorena Gilchrist

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Dorena Gilchrist - April 19, 2023 at 06:30 PM

LM

“ We are so saddened to hear of Sids passing. We purchased a home in late 2016 there in Port Hope. Both Sid and Nancy welcomed us on our first visit to the United Methodist Church that year. They made us feel so welcomed and took us around the area while Sid shared history and fond memories of the area. He and Nancy shared how they met, married and of course all the restoration and love they put into their house that became their beautiful home there in Port Hope. They welcomed us into their home on several occasions and through them we met others in the area too. Doug had the privilege of attending a mutual Bible study together with Sid and several early morning rides to and from. We will never forget the love and friendship they shared with us. Our hearts hurt but we are so Thankful that we were able to visit with Sid this past Fall. Since we had since moved from the area, he was able to show us all the work that had been done on the lumberyard. We were thoroughly impressed. He had his heart in Port Hope, the depot there and the community. Both he and Nancy loved the community and both Doug and I love them also. Sid, you will be missed dearly but we know that all of Heaven celebrates your homecoming. I am Thankful that we all are only separated until our own arrivals where we will be together again forever. We are praying for you Nancy and for your family. We are unable to attend the service but we will be there in spirit with you all. May God provide you His perfect peace. With love, Doug and Leslie Mix

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**Leslie Mix** - April 19, 2023 at 06:11 PM

MS

*Nancy, we are very saddened to receive this news of Sid's passing. We are praying, on your behalf, that HIS all encompassing love will surround and sustain you.*

*We have fond memories of our stay with you, including the tours of the train depot restoration project, in which Sid played a significant role. It was such fun to tour the depot on more than one occasion, to see the progress being made. Don was always envious of Sid's talents and creativity.*

*We rejoice with you in celebrating a life well lived, in loving service for you, his family, his community and his Lord.*

*Love ya Nancy, ... Marge & Don Shepson*

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**Marge & Don Shepson** - April 19, 2023 at 11:51 PM

BD

“ *As Tim Juhl said Sid was a great help with some sights we were able to visit on the Michigan Jamboree of T's while visiting the Michigan Thumb.*

*Meeting Sid for the first time while Tim and I were planning the Jamboree was truly special.*

*I'm sorry to hear of his passing before running into him again.*

*Brian Dowell*

*Model T Ford Club International.*

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**Brian Dowell** - April 19, 2023 at 05:32 PM

TJ

“ I first met Sid when we were planning the Port Hope segment of the 2021 Michigan Model T Jamboree tour of Huron County. To say that he was a big help is an understatement. It is due to his efforts and the introductions he made to others that our visit was a rousing success. Sid was a genuinely nice guy and it was my honor to know him. I am truly saddened at his passing as I had hoped to cross paths with him again. My condolences to all who knew and loved him. Tim Juhl - Model T Ford Club International

Tim Juhl - April 19, 2023 at 04:57 PM

KR

“ Nancy and family, I am so sorry to read this. I am so blessed to have met him when you came to meet me and my brother, Mike. Take care of each other a this very difficult time. Keely Reibling

keely reibling - April 19, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William Sid Holodnick.



April 19, 2023 at 01:26 PM