



Simon "Lou" Flanders

March 16, 1952 - October 9, 2022

East Longmeadow – Simon “Lou” Flanders, 70, passed away on October 9, 2022.

He was born in Montpelier, Vermont on March 16, 1952, the son of the late Lawrence Flanders and Lucille (Chouinard) Wisniewski. He was a Class of 1971 graduate of Springfield Trade High School and proudly served in the Peace Corps in Morocco from 1986 – 1987. Lou previously lived in Oregon for thirty years and kept in close contact with childhood friends. He was the former owner operator of Marshal’s Delicatessen in Cottage Grove, Oregon and was previously employed as a social worker for the state of Oregon, the former Abdow’s Restaurant as well as two local lumber yards in Western MA. He enjoyed attending family reunions for sixty years, old cars, motorcycles, fishing, going to movies based on history and attending car shows, swap meets and cruise nights. He retired from Lane Transit in Oregon and came back East, remaining an avid fan of the Oregon Ducks at the University of Oregon, the New England Patriots and the Boston Bruins. He also had a favorite canine companion “Chopper”.

Lou is survived by his sister Nancy Pirosseno and her husband Gilbert of Springfield, MA; his niece Robin Pirosseno of Palmer, MA; nephew Phillip Pirosseno of Westport, MA; many cousins and Erica a special person who entered his life this past year and brought him great joy. The family is indebted to Scott Roberts, his long-time friend, for his support and assistance especially in the last three years. A special thanks to his cousin Diana Booth

Duff who was always there for Lou especially these last years and we also want to thank the nursing staff, and all the employees who work on the New York wing of the JGS facility and the administrative staff for their continued kindness, hard work and support while he was there. Lou will be missed for his wit, great personality and his caring attitude to all he came in contact with. From his cemetery marker: "BE HAPPY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT LAST FOREVER"

Lou would have wanted everyone to read his favorite poem titled "Do not go gentle into that good night" by Dylan Thomas as he ended his journey with Parkinson's.

Sadly, he was predeceased by his brother, Daniel Flanders.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

A graveside service was held in Baptist Hill Cemetery, East Longmeadow, MA. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill Street, Springfield, MA has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit Lou's memorial page at www.nefcc.net for expressions of sympathy.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Simon "Lou" Flanders.

Tribute Wall

WB

“ I was in the Peace Corps with Lou. I was in Eugene recently and decided to look him up, and got led to this obituary. So, a very late tribute, I wonder if anyone will see it, but I'll go ahead.

That was a hard job. Morocco was a hard place to live in the 80's, a really underdeveloped country. And we, the volunteers in the rural water program, were sent to the boondocks, where it was difficult to get anything done. The language was hard to learn, and we all had health problems from time to time.

I will always remember how calm Lou was in all of this. He had an easygoing disposition, and I never saw him angry or upset once. He was a very funny guy, great to have around. He was everyone's friend. I never heard a bad thing about him, and I never heard him say a bad word about anybody.

RIP old friend

William "Brock" Brockenborough - May 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM

BR

“ You were one of a kind. Grateful for your life, privileged to have known you and called you a friend. I know there's plenty of music and movies upstairs. And food, lots of decadent food. I will keep you in my heart always.

Brenna McGinn Ferrentino, RN - February 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM

KW

“ Lou was amazing, always happy, always looking to go on an adventure. I loved listening to all his stories.

Katelyn Ward - February 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM

CB

“ Nancy , Gil, Robin & Philip May memories of Louie help ease your sorrows. He was a good friend to The Brundrett Family. There was always room at our dinner table for Louie. My brother and Louie were best friends growing up on Margerie Street in Springfield Mass. Louie was like having another brother. Louie Rest In Peace old friend

Cindy Brundrett - February 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM

EP

“ Dear cousin Nancy:\r\nI am so sorry for the loss of another brother of yours and another Chouinard cousin.\r\nI remember the summers and occasional visits with Louie. He was always kind and had a different perspective on things when we talked about important issues that mattered to us at the time.\r\nI was able to speak with him a few times over the last couple of years, (thanks to Diana Duff) and even though I knew he was not well, I could still hear a smile in his voice!\r\n\r\nRIP, Simon Louis.\r\nYou will be missed by many.

Erle Pierce - February 14, 2023 at 09:52 AM