



## Andrew "Lefty" Palm

July 10, 1939 - February 21, 2014

Andrew A. "Lefty" Palm, 74, of Estero, FL passed away peacefully on Friday, February 21, 2014 at his residence with his family by his side. Lefty, formerly of N. Huntingdon, PA, moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 2003 before relocating to Estero in 2009. He was born July 10, 1939 in McKeesport, PA, son of the late Anthony and Helen (Resco) Palm. He graduated from Penn State McKeesport Campus.

Lefty became a member of the United Steel Workers of America Union while he worked in McKeesport at Enamel Products Co., now Precoat Metals, as the union steward, where he eventually became president of the plant's local union. He continued to rise through the USWA's ranks. Mr. Palm served four full terms as a district director of the USWA in Pennsylvania. During his time as district director for the USWA, this was comprised not only of the steelworker industry, but included a variety of occupations such as grocery workers, food service employees, teachers, etc., Lefty Palm was especially recognized as the lead contract negotiator for the USWA with the U.S. Steel Corp. and other numerous steelmakers. He was a prominent figure who rebuked steel imports and corporate concessions at a time when employers were pressing the union for steep givebacks and layoffs were rampant. Throughout his career Lefty was well respected by many political figures for his leadership and fairness to the union and the companies. Additionally, Congressional leaders consistently sought his political opinions and

friendship. He retired in 2005 as the International Vice President of the United Steelworkers Union.

Lefty was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and long-time season ticket holder. He loved dining, dancing and celebrating life to the fullest with family and friends. Lefty was also the consummate outdoorsman, who enjoyed nature and hunting.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kimberly (Jubak) Palm; children, Andrea Palm of PA, Laurie (Michael) Sedota of Brownsville, PA, Nathan Rojohn of Greensburg, PA, Gavin Rojohn of Harrison City, PA; sister, Nancy (James) McConnell of White Oak, PA; grandson, Michael Anthony Sedota; sister-in-laws, Connie (Bill) Solomon of Verona, PA, Helen Malloy of Huntington Beach, CA, Pat (Ardo) Lombardo of McKeesport, PA; brother-in-laws, Steve (Shawn) Mikulas of Homosassa, FL, Richard (Jane) Jubak of Port Greenwich, CA; loyal dogs, Geronimo and Louie, cat, Sarah; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Anthony Thomas Palm in 2009 and sister, Audrey Palm.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM and on Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at Our Lady of Lady Light Church, 19680 Cypress View Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33967.

Additional services will be held in Pittsburgh, PA at a later date to be announced.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Visitation

FEB **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
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## Visitation

FEB **27**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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FEB 27. 4:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community  
19680 Cypress View Dr.  
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

# Tribute Wall



“ *Andrew "Lefty" Palm*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Dear Kim,*

*Please accept my condolences for the passing of Lefty. I just read his Obit. I will also light a candle in my home honoring his memory and the great times we shared together!*

*Very Sorry!  
Kenny DeGennaro  
Florida*



Kenny DeGenarro - May 07, 2014 at 02:20 PM

DS

“ *To Lefty's Family & Friends,  
I first met Lefty when I joined the staff of U.S. Senator Arlen Specter in the mid-80s. When Lefty learned that my Dad was a member of the United Steel Workers, he joked with me saying, "The son of a steel worker is a republican? How's that happen?"  
About 20 years later, the USWA endorsed Sen. Specter. That day I asked Lefty, "The Steel Workers endorsed a republican? How's that happen?"  
The last time Lefty and I spoke, we had a good laugh about those conversations. We didn't always agree on the issues, but I always liked and respected Lefty. He was a good man and it was an honor just knowing him.  
My best,  
Doug Saltzman  
Pleasant Hills, PA*

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**Doug Saltzman** - March 23, 2014 at 10:24 PM

DW

“ *Kim,  
I was very saddened to hear that Lefty was called home to be with the Lord. Boy the memories I have of a lot of good times with him. I think of him often and ask myself "what would Lefty have done or said". He will be truly missed.*

*Heaven is having a hell of a Labor rally today!*

*Love ya and my deepest sympathy goes out to you and the entire family!*

*Dave and Anthony Wolfe  
Former Local Union President of LU 3615 and International Staff Representative Districts 20 and 10*

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**Dave and Anthony Wolfe** - February 28, 2014 at 10:32 AM

MS

“ *Lefty Palm was a courageous leader and a strong voice for working men and women in Pennsylvania and throughout the country. He was more than a supporter of all of my political endeavors - he was a confidant and a close friend. We went into battle together. I will miss his honesty and his great sense of humor. Rest in peace, my friend.*

*-- Mark S. Singel, former Lt. Governor and Acting Governor of Pennsylvania*

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**Mark S. Singel** - February 27, 2014 at 11:05 AM

RP

“ *Many good memories when kids with Uncle Tony and Lefty taking Billy and I fishing and of course Lefty always caught the fish.*

*Ronn Palm*

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**Ronn Palm** - February 27, 2014 at 09:51 AM

KM

“ *Lefty, you were a good friend I will never forget all the good times at the Viking, GOD BLESS MY FRIEND. K.Q.*

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**Karen Quigley Mognet** - February 26, 2014 at 04:31 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Andrew "Lefty" Palm.*



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February 26, 2014 at 11:48 AM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Lefty's passing. I have many great memories of the times we had at the meetings and conventions. I will say a prayer and light a candle for him.

*Jerry Strelick*

*Retired President of Local 1557, Clairton Works, US steel*

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**Jerry Strelick** - February 26, 2014 at 10:12 AM

CK

“ *Connie & Crystal Krznic lit a candle in memory of Andrew "Lefty" Palm*



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**Connie & Crystal Krznic** - February 26, 2014 at 09:28 AM

CA

“ *we will miss u Lefty. Thanks for teaching me to swim by pushing me in Rainbow Garden pool. I also remember all the card games we played together.*

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**carolyn** - February 26, 2014 at 06:48 AM

RR

“ *Condolences from : Roberto Rocca Local 1212 Midland, Pa*

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**Roberto Rocca** - February 25, 2014 at 06:45 PM

GH

“ *Lefty -- We are proud of you as our brother of steel. Loyal to family and the members of the United Steelworkers. You led us through some of the most tumultuous years of the steel crisis in Western Pennsylvania. You were first elected in 1982 as the USW District 15 Director when the mills and manufacturing plants were shutting down and thousands of steelworkers, families and communities were devastated by the impact. You served four additional terms until election as the USW International Union Vice President in 2001. You will be remembered for standing up and helping us fight back. Rest in Peace.*

*Gary Hubbard, USW LU 9447*

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**Gary Hubbard** - February 25, 2014 at 04:12 PM

TA

“ *Our deepest sympathy from*

*Brothers and Sisters of  
USW Local Union No. 2227*

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**tashbaugh@verizon.net** - February 25, 2014 at 03:42 PM

DR

“ *Kim and family, I was so sorry to read of Lefty's passing. I remember all the fun we had at Tramps and many memories of our friendship. My thoughts are with you...you were the love of his life and he of yours. Love to you. Diane*

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**Diane Ruffalo** - February 25, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TH

“ *Kim,  
I was saddened to learn of Lefty's death. I truly admired him. In spite of all his physical difficulties I never heard him complain. He kept his faith in God. We know he is in a far better place now but his loss is still very sad. My condolences to you and the family.  
Thomas J. Hawkins MD - Eucharistic Minister Our Lady of Light.*

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**thomas hawkins** - February 25, 2014 at 10:13 AM

RS

“ *May our lord Jesus Christ give peace that surpasses all understanding in this time of loss. Lefty was a great man, co worker and a personal friend as well. Lets thank GOD that he no longer suffers in pain, but is with our lord in heaven a better place than us all and he's happy and again PAIN FREE. God Bless all the family and friends of this fine man.*

*Sincerely,*

*Rachel Serbin*

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**Rachel Serbin** - February 25, 2014 at 09:02 AM