## Former Farmington engineer loses battle with cancer

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homecomm.net His family members and friends did everything they could to come to Stephen Crane's aid. But in the end, the

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a fare form of Leukemia, had to rely on a coll of the dice.
Last week the 28-year-old lost the gomble, but not without a two-and-a-half-year long fight.

TMP Friends Care, a non-profit group of family friends, organized to raise funds for medical costs not covered by insurance and bone marrow drives to flidd a lifeaving match. But despite their efforts, no complete matches were found. So Stephen of West Bloomfield opted to have a 50 percent match bone marrow transplant with his father, Röbert G. Crane, G.3. as donor.

Stephen suffered from a rare form of

blood cancer, known as Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia. He learned of his illness in June 1998 when he felt tired and had a swollen ankle.

In the chronic phase of his disease for two years, Stephen spent this summer in South Carolina undergoing interest radiation and chemotherapy before receiving a bone marrow transplant in July. His dectors at Harper Hospital in Detroit recommended the Palimetto Richland Memorial Hospital where they had "great success" with partial match transplants, Jill said.

"You never know when you're going to go into the acute phase," and, Jill said, sometimes transplants can't be done once the disease reaches that stage. He knew he would have to take the chance and it looked like it would be okay.

Stephen made it through the 100-day, post-marrow transplant waiting period, living in South Carolina to be close to the hespital in case there were complications.

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His hippsies showed the Leukemia was gone so he returned to West Bloomfield with his mother in October. But it takes about a year for the new immune system to begin functioning correctly. Jill said.

"We had to be very careful of what he ate—the people he was around," Crane said. "We tried to remain inopeful. That's all you can do."

On Nov. 16, Stephen was in pain, so he was admitted to Harper where he stayed until his passing Monday, Nov. 30.

"You have so much hope that it's going to work and then it doesn't," said Barbara Smith, one of 10 family friends to organize "My Friends Care" which set up fund-raisers and bone marrow drives.

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up fund-raisers and bone marrow drives.

"Steven really faced everything really bravely." Smith said. "He was told from the beginning some of the treatments he would have could kill him." Results of an autopsy are pending.

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Stephen died after his kid-neys and liver failed. Through-out the dis-ense, Jill snid, her son never com-plained. plained. "He was a



Stephen Crane "I know that he tried to stay active," said Smith of Farmington Hills, "I think

said smith of rarmington final. A tunia he was feeling pretty well.

The West Bloomfield High School graduate and a graduate of Northwest-err University worked until this spring as an engineer at Northern Ampower Corp. in Farmington.

"Whenever somebody dies, all kinds of

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good things are said about them," said his former employer Tom Bacsanyi. "In the case of Steve, he was genuinely a

really nice gey."

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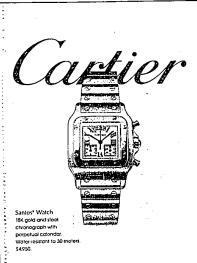
Even for selfish reasons, I was hoping he would get over this and come lack to our company, 'he said, Jill hopes her son's passing will be a beacon for others to get undered.

"I hope that everyone will register for the bone marrow national registry because they an save somebody's life,' Illi said.

A memorrial service was held at Orchard Lake Community Church Dec. 5. Donations in honor of Crane should be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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7-8. During the same night, a cellular phone was stolen after a door window was shattered on a 1996 Ford Explorer at the apartment complex.

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after it ran a stop sign. The driver had to be
taken to Botsford Hospital to have blood
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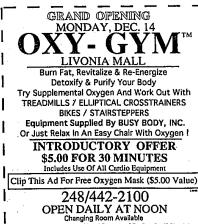












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