



Gerald E. "Jake" Steil

March 3, 1947 - April 26, 2020

Gerald (Jake) E. Steil, 73 of Livermore, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 26th, 2020.

He was born March 3rd, 1947 in St. Cloud, Minnesota the son of Edward and Lucille (Stein) Steil. When he was 3 years old the family moved to a farm near Hardy, Iowa and he attended Humboldt High School until drafted by the United States Army. In 1966 he went to Camp Dodge in Des Moines, followed by Basic Training in Missouri. From there, he transferred to Louisiana for AIT training. He went to Vietnam in 1967 where he earned a Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a sharpshooter.

He came back to Fort Hood, Texas and was released from active duty. There, he met Virginia Marie. The couple moved back to the Humboldt / Livermore area where they were united in marriage on December 28th, 1968 in Livermore. Jake worked in Algona at Cozzini as a welder/supervisor until he retired in 2009 after 37 years. The couple made their home in Livermore. Jake adored his family whom he took camping and fishing often. He had a passion for muscle cars. He loved to joke around and his contagious laugh will be missed dearly.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia of Livermore; children Jerry (Tracy) Steil of Algona, Sheri (Jon) Hotovec of Humboldt, Wendy (Bob) Nilles of Gilmore City; sister and brother-in-law Dean and Judy Weier of Bradgate; 8 in-laws; 10 grandchildren Cody (Christine), Austin and Brandon Steil, Morgan, Breanna and Alexis Hotovec, Kallie, Kaysie, Kinley and Jack Nilles, 1 great-granddaughter Blakely Steil and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Edward Steil, mother Lucille Steil Christensen, step-father Richard (Chris) Christensen, sister and brother in-law Joyce (Robert) Bannert, infant great-granddaughter Cambrie Steil and 2 infant nephews.

Family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Livermore. The Mason-Lindhart Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery

Mount Calvary

Livermore, IA,

Comments



“ Meg Staudt lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. "Jake" Steil



Meg Staudt - May 01, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ When I first came to work at Afeco, I had the privilege of working right beside Jake. I learned a lot from him and always appreciated his willingness to help out. You can't picture Jake in your mind without seeing his smile and hearing his laugh...our deepest condolences at your time of loss.

Mike & Stephanie Rooney

Mike Rooney - April 29, 2020 at 12:52 PM



“ Jake was my foreman at Afeco/Cozzini from my hire in 1998 until his retirement. He had a quick wit and great stories to tell. I learned a lot from him as a young man and enjoyed catching up with him at the Humbolt Drags on the occasion we were both there. My deepest sympathies to all of you on your loss.

Ryan Harms - April 29, 2020 at 11:28 AM



“ When Virginia was doing daycare, Jake always had a smile and usually something to say that got us laughing! Just want Virginia, Lil Jerry, Sheri & Wendy and families to know you're in my thoughts and prayers.



Pam Polley - April 28, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gerald E. "Jake" Steil.



April 28, 2020 at 02:22 PM



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Mason-Lindhart Funeral Home - April 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ Lived but a mile away from Jakr as a child. Spent many fun days fishing and riding bikes. Rode with Jerry and Joyce on the bus to school and when Jerry was old enough to drive he would pick me up and drive to school. Lost contact as we graduated and went seperate ways. He was always fun to be with and enjoyed a good joke.
Sorry to learned of his passing.

Doug Myers - April 28, 2020 at 08:07 AM



“ To the family of Jake Steil, so sorry for your loss, Jerry was a special person, loved to joke around and have fun. I met Jerry many years ago when he was running around with my brother Pat. Many many fun memories, One night after a dance in Eagle grove my brother and Jerry had a little to much fun and decided that I should drive back home to Humboldt. I could barely see over the dash, but we made it, me driving all the way home and those two laughing all the way. Will miss Jerry very much, always considered him a good friend.Linda and I send you all hugs and prayers.....

Chris Lenning - April 28, 2020 at 01:36 AM



“ Carol Lenning lit a candle in memory of Gerald E. "Jake" Steil



Carol Lenning - April 27, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ Sorry for your loss . I can remember one time that Jake and Pat went riding around. They sat on the corner by the Electric deal South of LuVerne when the poles came down. Every time after that
one or the other would start talking about it they would be laughing so hard they couldn't tell it .

Carol Lenning - April 27, 2020 at 11:03 PM



“ Thinking of all of you during this difficult time! Keeping you all in our prayers!

Tim & Joan Bunda - April 27, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ Thinking of all of you during this time of the sadness Prayers to all



shirley vinsand - April 27, 2020 at 09:00 PM



“ Sending love and prayers during this difficult time.

martha - April 27, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Always had a laugh! Prayers to all of you he was a great guy!!

Jeff & jodi pentico - April 27, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ So sorry for your lost, steil family. You have our sympathies.

Terry and Kari Thilges - April 27, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ Thinking of You and Sending All Our Prayers and Sympathy!



Joy & Steve Christensen - April 27, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ My thoughts , prayers , and deepest sympathy are with all of Jakes family . He will be greatly missed , but left many great memories for his family and friends .

Brian & Christy McCullough - April 27, 2020 at 09:38 PM