



## Stephan J. Baxter

October 23, 1964 - August 20, 2024

Stephan J. Baxter, age 59, of Alta, Iowa died Tuesday, August 20, 2024 in a car accident outside of Alta.

Funeral services will take place Monday, August 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, Iowa. Burial will be in the St. John Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, August 25, 2024 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Stephan John Baxter was born October 23, 1964 to Jim and Joan (Warnock) Baxter in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was baptized as an infant in Hawaii. In 1979, Stephen confirmed his faith at St. John Lutheran Church in Alta, Iowa. He attended school at Alta Community School, graduating in 1983. Stephan served in the Army National Guard from July 28, 1986 until July 27, 2001.

On August 22, 1987, Stephan was united in marriage to Donna Specketer at St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, Iowa. They were blessed with four children: Jahred, Sarah, Jacob, Joshua.

Stephan was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, Iowa where he served as usher. In his free time, Stephan enjoyed drawing, painting, carving, smithing, and reading. He loved card games and working around the home. You could find Stephan building things, fishing, hunting, target shooting, and going to gun shows. He also enjoyed scuba diving and golfing. More than anything, Stephen treasured time with his children and friends. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Stephan is survived by his wife, Donna Baxter of Alta, Iowa; children: Jahred Baxter of Humboldt, Iowa; Sarah Baxter of Omaha, Nebraska; Jacob Baxter of Storm Lake, Iowa; Joshua Baxter of Ames, Iowa; mother, Joan Warnock of Sallisaw, Oklahoma; brother: David Baxter of Phoenix, Arizona; sisters: Stephanie Nelson (Rusty Lacey) of Sallisaw,

Oklahoma; Kym Baxter of British, Columbia; Shannon Baxter (Maurico Pearla) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; half brother, Jimmie Baxter of Arizona; many beloved nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father: Jim Baxter; parents-in-law: Dwaine and Chloe Specketer; and nephew: Darey Baxter.

# Cemetery Details

## St. John Lutheran Cemetery

Hanover, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Hanover  
169 630th St.  
Alta, IA 51002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephan J. Baxter*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - August 24, 2024 at 06:11 PM

NS

“ *Nancy & Gary Snyder lit a candle in memory of Stephan Baxter*



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**Nancy & Gary Snyder** - August 28, 2024 at 03:09 PM

AS

“ *Anna M Schwint lit a candle in memory of Stephan Baxter*



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**Anna M Schwint** - August 27, 2024 at 12:06 PM

MB

“ *Mary Terry Bruns lit a candle in memory of Stephan Baxter*



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**Mary Terry Bruns** - August 26, 2024 at 04:23 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen - August 26, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DJ

“ Daniel Jensen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Stephan J. Baxter.



Daniel Jensen - August 26, 2024 at 04:38 AM

RF

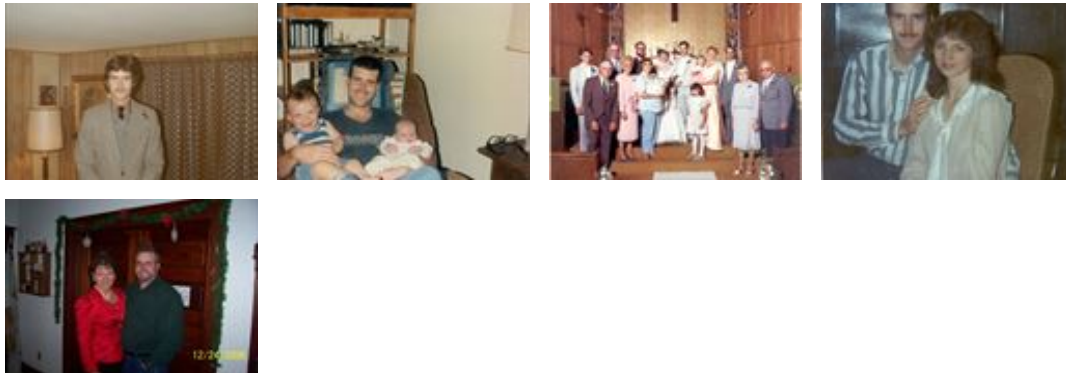
“ Ramon Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Stephan J. Baxter.



Ramon Family - August 24, 2024 at 09:53 PM



“ 107 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 24, 2024 at 01:57 PM

PH

“ I knew both Steve and Donna as they both went through school in Alta. Both very kind, caring students and always talked to me as their school custodian. Rest In Peace Steve! Donna and family, may God continue to give you love, comfort and peace as well.

*Pam Henderson*

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**Pam Henderson** - August 24, 2024 at 11:01 AM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Stephan Baxter



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**Pam Henderson** - August 24, 2024 at 10:56 AM

LH

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Donna and the family.



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**Lynette & Bill Halder** - August 23, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PS

“ Penny S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephan J. Baxter.

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**Penny S.** - August 23, 2024 at 10:25 AM

DJ

“ Dan James purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Stephan J. Baxter.



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**Dan James** - August 23, 2024 at 10:10 AM

TJ

“ I graduated with Steve from Alta High. He was always super nice and polite. I would run into him about every 5-6 months and always had a nice conversation and always had great things to say about his family. He will surely be missed. My condolences to Donna and their family.



Tracy Johnson - August 23, 2024 at 12:42 AM

PL

“ Steve Was The Best Son To His Mom , Joni Warnock , Along With His Wife & Family . Many Prayers , Much ❤️ & Angel Hugs To All The Family . ☐ 🙏💔



Patti Lange - August 23, 2024 at 12:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Stephan J. Baxter.



August 22, 2024 at 10:17 PM

KD

“ Kevin D. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stephan J. Baxter.



Kevin D. - August 22, 2024 at 06:58 PM