



Steven Christ

November 23, 1957 - January 7, 2024

Steven Christ, age 66, of Storm Lake, Iowa died January 7, 2024 at Unity Point St. Luke's in Sioux City, Iowa.

UPDATE ON SERVICE INFORMATION DUE TO WEATHER:

Funeral services will take place NEXT SATURDAY, January 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 4-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Steve was born in Algona, IA to Eugene and Kathryn (Schutter) Christ, baptized and later confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran in Lakota, IA, where he and his three siblings, David, Carol and Daniel, grew up on a dairy farm. Thus, his love of farming began. He would often be helping on the farm, gaining a specialized interest in mechanics and cars.

Steve graduated from Lakota Consolidated School District in 1976, and then went on to Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, IA to study mechanics, graduating in 1978.

In 1982, he met his wife, Rebekah (Lullman) of Albert City and they married in September of 1983 at Zion Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, IA. Together, they

welcomed two children into the world, Kyle and Kayla. For just over 20 years, he worked the night shift at Bobalee in Laurens, IA, making hydraulic cylinders. Later in their marriage, he and Becky were able to continue his love of farming by purchasing the land surrounding their home.

He was always stronger than everyone thought. In July of 2012, Steve was diagnosed with esophageal cancer, spending each weekday of September by himself in Rochester, MN for treatment. He would come home and return each weekend that month. In 2013, he was blessed with remission for the rest of his days.

After his cancer journey, he fulfilled his love of travel while still providing for his family through trucking. He always had time for people he met, often making those around him feel better. In 2023, Steve retired from trucking and found joy in his family and friends. He and Becky would often travel to see their kids' and grandchildren's events as well as go on adventures with friends and family.

Steve is survived by his wife, Rebekah (Becky) Christ, children Kyle (Tina) Christ of Omaha, Kayla (Tyler) Reetz of Storm Lake, grandchildren Dakota (Anna) Leonard of Omaha, Kaleb Christ, Jeramiah Christ, Taryn Christ, and great-grandchild Beckett Leonard, sister Carol (Carl) Roberts of Belmond, IA brother Daniel (Angela) Christ of Lakota, IA, sister-in law Donna Christ of Lakota, IA, and aunt Margaret Ryan of El Reno, OK as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Kathryn Christ, brother David Christ, aunts, uncles and two cousins.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery

1725 555th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1725 555th St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Christ*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

KW

“ *Becky and family,
I just want you to know how saddened I am to hear of the death of Steve. I remember when you two first got together way back when!! You were always so cute together and so happy! You guys made a beautiful family together!
My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Hugs, Becky!*

Kris (Meseck/Hogrefe) Wester - January 20, 2024 at 09:44 PM

DJ

“ *Becky & Families,
Our hearts are breaking for you all. Saying
farewell for now yet to meet again someday --
I can see Steve smiling from ear to ear !! His
jokes, om my goodness ... we shall say he
was always a spark in the crowd. His caring words -- always
thinking about someone else instead of himself.*



*Please accept our sincerest sympathy for you all. Becky if there is
anything I can do , please call me. I can't make anything better ; but
I can be a friend and I have a shoulder to lean on.*

*God Bless all of you as you get through the tough days ahead. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Love You Becky and sorry we could not be with you.

Frank & Della Jeffrey

Della & Frank Jeffrey - January 13, 2024 at 12:28 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 11, 2024 at 04:28 PM

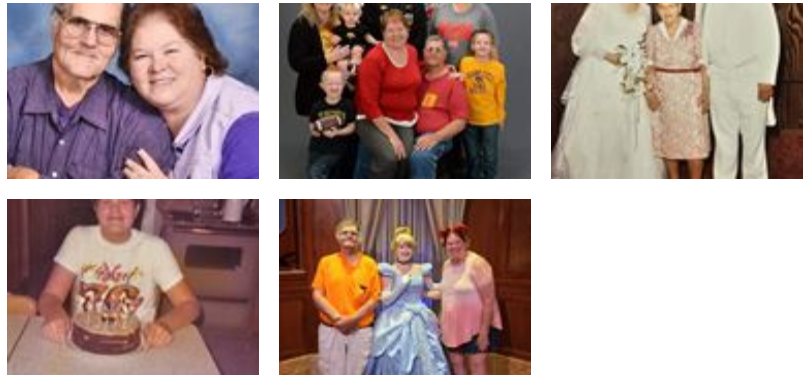
EM

“ We met at ICCC Auto Mechanics in Fort Dodge when I was in my second year. Steve made a point to stay in touch after those years and stay in touch with some of our instructors. Steve was a very kind man, donating many hours to the behind the scenes work at Albert City Thresherman's. May God bless you Becky and family and all of us that were privileged to know him. May we carry that same love and concern for others that he showed and lived. He left this world a better place than he found it. May God's peace that passes ALL understanding be with you now and always.

Erik "Hondo" and Mariellen Mosbo - January 11, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ 123 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 11, 2024 at 12:30 PM

RT

“ *Becky, Kyle, Kayla and family,
I am very sorry to learn of Steve’s passing and your loss.
Steve and I were in the same program at ICCC. Steve was a great
guy - easy to like, insightful, and he made our common shop
time/hours a lot of fun. Although I have not kept up with Steve since
graduating ICCC, I have fond memories of Steve and how he made
our program area a better experience. Your family is in my thoughts
and prayers.*

Russ Tell, Ankeny

Russell Tell - January 11, 2024 at 10:27 AM

RM

“ *Our Sympathy to your family. Thinking of you.*

Rebecca Morenz - January 11, 2024 at 02:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
Steven Christ.*



January 10, 2024 at 07:00 PM

VS

“ *Becky, Kyle and Kayla,
I was so sorry to hear about Steve's passing. He was a very good
friend and always reached out to me when it was in the area. I am
unable to attend in person but you all will be in my thoughts this
week.*

Verlyn Sandhurst

Verlyn Sandhurst - January 10, 2024 at 04:54 PM

VS

“ Verlyn and Holly Sandhurst purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Steven Christ.



Verlyn and Holly Sandhurst - January 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

VS

“ Verlyn and Holly Sandhurst planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Christ.

Verlyn and Holly Sandhurst - January 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

“ Becky, Kyle, Kayla and family,

We were heartbroken to read of Steve's passing. Always thought we would get together one more time at least. I shared a little with Kyle and Kayla on Facebook When we were roommates our second year in college we often talked about what life would be after graduation. Our goals, dreams and yes, even our crushes. I remember when we went home for the summer we had signed up to be roommates again. I came out to visit you in Storm Lake and you and your parents dropped me back home. You met someone. Your eyes were lit up and so excited. I knew that that someone was about Mr. Right and you were not going to be my roommate. Meeting Steve was like meeting a giant Teddy Bear of a Big Brother I never knew I needed or wanted. Long before I married Brian we started having college friends reunions and Steve always greeted me with a giant hug! No matter where we went or what we did Steve was the easiest person to talk with, to listen and the person that made you light up! Steve had an ornery streak. He loved to tease or get a reaction out of people he loved but everyone knew he did this out of love. When the kids came along he was actively supporting, cheering them and so proud of everything! The last time Steve called me on the phone Kyle and Tina's children had a hockey game somewhere in the Metro and wanted Brian and I to find the game! When he was trucking Steve would drive through Independence, Missouri, call me and I would be so excited because he was going to stay over and visit. Then he would tell me he couldn't get the big truck parked. Steve was loyal, kind and when he loved you he loved you with his whole heart. Becky, Steve loved you inside and out and thought you were the most beautiful woman on the planet. The sun rose and the moon set with you in his eyes. If I had to lose my roomie I am glad it was to Steve. Even when he said, "I do", marched over to your parents and said, "She's mine now" Steve was the right man for you Becky! Together you both lit up and out of that love came two brilliant children, in-law's that are awesome and the most wonderful Grandchildren. Even though it is still weird to think of Kyle and I having a child the same age. Or that

Kyle's a Granpa and I have no Grandchildren. To know Steve is to know you're appreciated, loved and have a best friend who has your back for life! I will always be here for all of you and we will keep Steve alive in our memories. Becky, I wish I could be with you! I am caring for my Mom in hospice at home. Please know that Brian, Kera and I are sending you love, hugs and prayers. Becky, I am here anytime. You are always welcome. I Love all of you! Steve will be dearly missed and fondly remembered. Until we meet again, with love and prayers, Brian, Gwen and Kera Zumalt and Catherine Freytag

Gwendolyn Zumalt - January 10, 2024 at 01:55 PM

JS

“ *So sorry to here of Steven's passing. He was so proud of his children. Kyle and Kayla may the good Lord hold you tight in your time of morning. Steven was one of the first people I got to know in Storm Lake. A good man part of a great family.*

Jason Stoltzfus - January 09, 2024 at 08:19 PM

D(

“ *My most sincere condolences to you and your family Becky! I've known you for a very long time and have enjoyed both Steve and you! Thanks for your welcomed visit when I was so sick at Julie and Tim's. Appreciated it very much! I will miss our visits whenever we were together~ Steve rest in peace until we meet again!! Sending many hugs Becky!!*

Deanna Ingalls (Dee) - January 09, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TS

“ I was saddened to learn of Steve's passing. My sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Keep precious memories and his love in your heart and he will always be with you.



Theresa Sandvig - January 09, 2024 at 12:52 PM

KW

“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Steve!! You have my sincerest sympathies, Becky, and to the rest of his family.

Kris (Meseck/Hogrefe) Wester - January 09, 2024 at 11:58 AM

NH

“ So sorry for you loss. Hugs and prayers



Nicki J Harrington - January 09, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.



January 09, 2024 at 09:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.*



January 09, 2024 at 02:09 AM



“ *Dennis & Tania Gutz, & Hildman Family purchased the "Sending You an Angel" Statue Candle Holder with LED Candle to Express Sympathy for the family of Steven Christ.*



Dennis & Tania Gutz, & Hildman Family - January 09, 2024 at 12:15 AM



“ *Sue Zemke lit a candle in memory of Steven Christ*



Sue Zemke - January 08, 2024 at 10:51 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Becky and family. We loved how you and Steve were always up for a party! Steve's smile and jokes were so special! Hugs to you all!
Take care, Daaron & Amy*

Amy Hansen - January 08, 2024 at 10:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Steven Christ.

January 08, 2024 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.



January 08, 2024 at 08:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.
Kay Snyder Marvin



Kay Marvin - January 08, 2024 at 08:49 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Steve - May 2023*



Kathy Nelson - January 08, 2024 at 08:32 PM

AH

“ I'll miss our little talks we always had..RIP Steve!!!



Arlo Hogrefe - January 08, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.



January 08, 2024 at 07:43 PM

DB

“ Steve and I texted each other every morning for a year before he retired. He would always tell me his location and then wish me a good day! I am glad that we did that!

David Boelman - January 08, 2024 at 07:31 PM

TN

“ I enjoyed visiting with Steve. Had some great memories of him and seeing him at the Clay County Fair every year and enjoyed going out to eat as well. He will be missed!! RIP Steve!!!!

Twila Nelson - January 08, 2024 at 07:28 PM

CH

“ Prayers for the family.



Curt hoch - January 08, 2024 at 06:33 PM

CD

“ Cheryl Dave DeMan lit a candle in memory of Steven Christ



Cheryl and Dave DeMan - January 08, 2024 at 06:18 PM

LP

“ Larry Jo Ann Pyle lit a candle in memory of Steven Christ



Larry and Jo Ann Pyle - January 08, 2024 at 05:57 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.



January 08, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.*



January 08, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *3267 Walmart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Christ.*

3267 Walmart - January 08, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Steven Christ*



Scott Bodholdt - January 08, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Christ.*



January 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM

JP

“ *Jeanne and Jack Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Christ.*

Jeanne and Jack Phillips - January 08, 2024 at 02:32 PM