



## Steven Harrer

August 30, 1953 - January 12, 2024

Steven Henry Harrer, 70 years old, of Sioux Falls South Dakota passed away suddenly on January 12, 2024, in Phoenix Arizona.

Memorial Mass will take place Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. The family is in charge of the arrangements.

Steve was born in Mason City, Iowa on August 30, 1953, to Jerry and JoAnn (Hebel) Harrer, who started his love with the golf course. Steve was one of six children. After graduating from Mason City High School, Steve went on to attend Des Area Community College where he received a degree in Horticulture. It was between high school and college that Steve met the love of his life Julie Ann Fischer. Steve and Julie were united in marriage on June 1, 1974, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manly, Iowa by Father Joseph Slepicka who was Steve's Godfather.

Steve took his first Golf Course Superintendent position at a 9-hole course in Eldora Iowa. While working in Eldora, Steve was awarded Golf Course Superintendent of the year for a 9-Hole Golf Course. In 1979, Steve became the Golf Course Superintendent of Spencer Golf and Country Club. It was there that Steve became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent, one of his proudest accomplishments. In 1988, Steve won Iowa Golf Course

Superintendent of the year for an 18-Hole Golf Course by the IGCSA. In 1989, Steve became the Golf Course Superintendent for Minnehaha Country Club in Sioux Falls South Dakota. Steve helped develop Minnehaha Country Club into the 18-Hole Championship Golf Course it is today.

Steve and Julie didn't wait to start their family; their 4 children meant the world to them. Shane (Melissa) Harrer of Honey Creek, Iowa, Kelly (Erin) Harrer of Storm Lake, Iowa, Seth (Deanna) Harrer of Storm Lake, Iowa, and Stephanie (Jeff) Polston of Phoenix Arizona.

Though he loved hunting, hiking and being outdoors, Steve's favorite role was that of grandpa. He treasured his time with his grandkids and loved being their "Papa", never failing to make it to watch a baseball, basketball, or soccer game or frying bacon for breakfast when visiting. Steve could be found taking his grandchildren out to the golf course with his dog Sophie to make sure everything was running smoothly.

Steve will always be remembered for his smile and the way that he talked about the weather. We'll always imagine hearing him say "looks like rain" one more time. We could not have asked for a better dad, grandpa, and husband, and will miss Steve every day. His memory will live on in the hearts of all those who loved him.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents Jerry and JoAnn Harrer, sister Barbara Harrer, brother David Harrer, and brother-in-law Greg Boyle. Steve is survived by his wife Julie, his 4 children Shane, Kelly, Seth, and Stephanie, 5 grandsons, 2 granddaughters with another granddaughter on the way, 2 sisters Cathy (Michael) Boyle and Mary Boyle of Ankeny, Iowa and 1 brother Mike Harrer of Mason City, Iowa.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 19, 2024 at 06:13 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Steve’s family. When he was in Spencer, I started my 40 year golf course career as a superintendent at the Little Sioux Golf Club in Sioux Rapids. He became a good friend and mentor.

Doug and Mary Ruffridge - April 18, 2024 at 05:02 PM

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“ Julia W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Harrer.

Julia W. - April 18, 2024 at 04:10 PM