

## Steven Whitney Stille

November 9, 1947 - October 27, 2022

On Thursday, October 27, 2022, Steven Whitney Stille of Storm Lake, IA passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family in Naples, FL at the age of 74.

Visitation will take place Thursday, November 10, 2022 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Memorial services will be held Friday, November 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. A Celebration of Life will take place after the service at King's Pointe in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Steve "Baby Huey" "Backwater" Stille was born on November 9, 1947 to Donna Jean Whitney and Roy Stille at the University of Iowa hospitals. Steve grew up in Storm Lake, IA and spent summers enjoying lake life on Lake Okoboji. He graduated from Storm Lake Senior High School in 1965 where he excelled playing basketball. He continued to play basketball as a Coyote at the University of South Dakota (USD) and cherished his time as a "Delt." In 1969, he graduated from USD with a Business Administration Bachelor's Degree. From there, Steve went to law school at the University of Arizona in Tucson for one year before moving back to Storm Lake to go into the insurance and real estate business with his father, Roy. The company at that time was known as Stille Schaller Insurance. A year later, his father Roy

passed away. Steve would buy the business from his mother and recruited Tim Pierce, his best friend, and the company was then known as Stille, Pierce, & Schaller. Shortly thereafter, it became Stille, Pierce Insurance and Real Estate.

In January of 1974, Steve met Becky Nelson while she was a new teacher at Storm Lake and they married in December of that year. Together they would welcome and raise two daughters, Sarah and Meredith. After growing his family, Steve would also grow his company, this time evolving into Stille, Pierce, and Pertzborn, where he would work until his retirement in 2017. Upon his retirement, Steve and Becky made Naples, FL their permanent residency, still spending the summers in Storm Lake.

Steve was well known throughout the community as a businessman, a supportive husband, and a loving father. In his recent years, he enjoyed the time spent with his grandchildren and many friends. In his free time, he was an avid fisherman, loved to go hunting and golfing, played games (especially cards), was a voracious reader and supported many local establishments and businesses.

In 2009, Steve received the Gift of Life from an organ donor in the form of a heart transplant. His new heart would allow him to write many new chapters toward his life's tale, while also fueling his passion for organ donation, especially heart transplants.

Steve will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and he was a gift to this world in so many ways. When interacting with Steve, he had a way to make everyone feel important, valued, and he appreciated those he met. He would mix his humor along with his caring ability and created a fatherly space in many hearts that was special to many younger friends of the family. He was wise, kind, generous, and always said how "lucky he was."

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Roy, and his mother Donna Jean Whitney; his in-laws Don and Fern Nelson. Steve is survived by his wife Becky, daughters Sarah Stille (Adam Dickinson) and Meredith Daley (Mike Daley), as well as his grandchildren: Ellie, Nelson, Cora, Liam, and Eamonn; He is also survived by his sister Debi Trizila, her children and their families; brother-in-law, Larry Nelson (Lynn) and sister-in-law, Mary Ira and nieces and nephews on Becky's side of the family. And almost everyone with the last name "Stille!"

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in memory of Steve can be directed to the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics' Organ Transplant Center General Fund to help support the heart transplant team that cared for Steve and his family over the years. Online gifts can be made by visiting [www.givetoiowa.org](http://www.givetoiowa.org), entering "organ transplant" in the search box and following the instructions provided. Gifts by check can be sent to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement at P.O. Box 4550, Iowa City, IA 52244-4550. Please make the check payable to the University of Iowa Center for Advancement and include the name of the fund in the memo.

The family would like to extend their deepest gratitude first, to the heart donor, doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, heart transplant coordinators and team who orchestrated Steve's journey these past 13 years. We are forever grateful.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 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>

## Memorial Service

NOV **11**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Lakeside Presbyterian Church - Storm Lake  
110 E. 3rd St.  
Storm Lake, IA

## Celebration of Life

NOV **11**. 4:00 PM (CT)

King's Pointe Resort  
1520 E. Lakeshore Dri.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



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



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 10, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *John and Joy Clemenson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steven Whitney Stille.*



**John and Joy Clemenson** - November 10, 2022 at 10:30 PM



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



November 10, 2022 at 04:01 PM

TF

“ *To The Stille Family,*

*We are so sorry to not be able to join you to today and tomorrow to help celebrate Steve. He has been a dear friend of our family for so many years and we will miss him terribly. Steve represented the heart of the Wedge and how lucky we all are to have known him.*

*Sending you all our love today. We hope mixed with the sadness there are lots of laughter in remembering.*

*Love,  
The Dellonte Family  
Mark, Amy and Nick*

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**The Dellonte Family** - November 10, 2022 at 12:06 PM



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



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November 10, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ 488 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 10, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 10, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ What an incredible gift Steve was and still is to this world! His big smile, welcoming personality, kind & loving heart, sense of humor and generosity...there just aren't enough wonderful things we can say about Steve. His love of life and intentionality with everyone he encountered is unparalleled. His beautiful legacy is alive in you all. Holding you close in thoughts and prayers always.

Much love,  
Jen, Adam, Spencer, Nolan & Adalynn Wilde

Jen & Adam Wilde - November 09, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Whitney Stille.*



November 09, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Anything for You was purchased for the family of Steven Whitney Stille.*



November 07, 2022 at 10:27 AM



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



November 07, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *From Jeff, Mark, Jan and Dave Bonanno purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Steven Whitney Stille.*



**From Jeff, Mark, Jan and Dave Bonanno - November 05, 2022 at 04:59 PM**

GS

“ *Many fond memories of Steve as a friend and teammate.*

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**Gregory Swenson** - November 04, 2022 at 12:44 PM

DL

“ *Steve was one of the first people to welcome us to Storm Lake when we moved there! He was always so good to visit with us especially when we were new in the community. He advised us about doctors, dentists, and many other important things to us after our move. Al enjoyed playing golf with him when we first moved here as well. After his heart transplant, he was always very positive and thankful! He will be deeply missed!*

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**Dee Lewis** - November 03, 2022 at 01:16 PM

JL

“ *Jen Launderville lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



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**Jen Launderville** - November 03, 2022 at 11:12 AM

EB

“ Steve and Becky have always brought the joy and laughter everywhere they go, one of my favorite couples of all time.

*My deepest condolences to Becky, Mer, Sarah, and loved ones for your loss.*

*What a gift to spend quality time with your fun, sweet, kind, generous family. ❤️*

*Love you dearly and want to give each of you a big hug right now.*

*XOXOXO,*

*Emily*

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**Emily Barrick** - November 02, 2022 at 08:12 PM

DZ

“ Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille



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**Deborah Zerfoss** - November 02, 2022 at 07:16 PM

JH

“ Jim Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Stille



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**Jim Harris** - November 02, 2022 at 02:52 PM

EM

“ Steve was a beautiful and kind soul. He embraced his "gift of life" and truly honored his donor and donor family in every way possible. I can only imagine your grief but know that Steve's memory will always live on, he will never be forgotten!

Emily Mathews - November 02, 2022 at 08:26 AM

CL

“ We were privileged to get to know Steve and family at Ragbrai. A gentle, kind man with a sense of humor. Always willing to help us as a sag wagon driver. We will miss Steve and offer anything we can do for Becky. We love all of you. With sympathy, John and Joy Clemenson.

clemensons - November 01, 2022 at 10:29 PM

KC

“ My heart and prayers go out to Becky and the girls and all the family. I'm going to miss "my friend". What an awesome human being. I thoroughly enjoyed "messing" with him. Love you Buddy. God definitely welcomed you with huge open arms. 🙏 Sore high



Kelly Crans - November 01, 2022 at 10:06 PM

ML

“ Starting a professional and personal relationship with Steve over fifty years ago leaves a warm heart, countless grins and fond memories. Becky was correct when she told us "Not all men are created equal" Deepest Sympathy to all. Mark and Judy Linquist

Mark Linquist - November 01, 2022 at 09:40 PM

LL

“ *Deepest sympathies Stille Family. Steve was the best boss. He was great at adding numbers in his head, he often had the total before I could put it into a calculator. Great memories of Steve from my SP &P days. God bless.*



Leigh Laven - November 01, 2022 at 09:31 PM

KB

“ *Karla Benson lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



Karla Benson - November 01, 2022 at 05:41 PM

TW

“ *Sending our condolences and love to you all! Steve had an infectious smile and always said Hi!*

Tara Whitmire - November 01, 2022 at 05:15 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF STEVE STILLE. MAY HE RIP. TOHIS WIFE, BECKY & FAMILY OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS.*



*JOY,PEACE & LOVE,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*

PATTY GUNVILLE - November 01, 2022 at 02:47 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear about Steve. He was a great guy and always positive.

Tom and Linda Huseman - November 01, 2022 at 02:39 PM

LZ

“ Larry Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille



Larry and Sue Zwemke - November 01, 2022 at 01:34 PM

AK

“ Adam Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille



Adam and Angie Kutz - November 01, 2022 at 11:41 AM

JY

“ Sending you all love and prayers. Steve was such a ray of light and I have always admired his positive spirit and ability to make everyone feel welcome! He will be missed by many and know we're all thinking of you during this difficult time. Love to you all, Joe and Julie Yankey

Julie Yankey - November 01, 2022 at 10:50 AM

CW

“ *Becky and family,  
I am so saddened to hear of Steve's passing. Your family is in my thoughts and heart during these difficult times. Cling to the wonderful memories as I know you have many. He was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed by many! Hugs!*  
*Connie Aschinger Wyckoff*

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**Connie Wyckoff** - November 01, 2022 at 09:59 AM

RT

“ *What a joy it was to get to know Steve and Becky. My deepest condolences on the death of such a gentleman!*

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**Richard Tiegs** - October 31, 2022 at 10:22 PM

KM

“ *Our condolences to the Stille family during this difficult time.*



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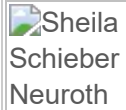
**Kevin & Julie McKinney** - October 31, 2022 at 09:20 PM

BS

“ *Becky and family,*  
  
*Please accept our sincere condolences.*  
  
*Brad and Maureen Strader*

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**Brad and Maureen Strader** - October 31, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Becky, Sarah and Meredith as well as to Steve’s many friends.  
Steve and Sheila Neitoth*

Sheila Schieber Neuroth - October 31, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Paul and Jean*

jean blaser - October 31, 2022 at 07:17 PM



“ *Susan and I are shocked and saddened to learn of Steve's passing. My God's presence surround his family for the journey ahead.*

Frederick V Moore - October 31, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Adam And Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Steven Whitney Stille*



Adam and Angie Kutz - October 31, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Sooo many good times!!!!*




SLHS Class of '65 - October 31, 2022 at 11:50 AM

WT

“ *Wilbur And Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Steven Whitney Stille*



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**Wilbur and Karen Triplett** - October 31, 2022 at 07:32 AM

 Lupita Sollars

“ *Lupita Sollars lit a candle in memory of Steven Whitney Stille*



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**Lupita Sollars** - October 31, 2022 at 12:26 AM

JK

“ *Jeff Lory (Preston) Krummen lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



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**Jeff and Lory (Preston) Krummen** - October 30, 2022 at 09:27 PM

SL

“ *Prayers & sympathy to his wife and family! May he RIP.*



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**Sue Lloyd** - October 30, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



Michelle Munoz - October 30, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Pat Bjorkgren lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



Pat Bjorkgren - October 30, 2022 at 03:19 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF STEVE STILLE. OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY TO HIS WIFE & FAMILY. MAY HE RIP.*



*JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*

PATTY GUNVILLE - October 30, 2022 at 02:27 PM

MM

“ *Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



Mona Mason - October 29, 2022 at 11:36 PM

KF

“ *Becky, Sarah and Meredith. So sorry for the loss of Steve. What a kind and gentle man. He will be missed. Thinking of you all with deepest sympathy.*



Kevin and Jan Mckenna and Family - October 29, 2022 at 03:08 PM

JE

“ *Oh my.... We go back to kindergarten!!!! He was a friend, a boyfriend in 5 th grade, a wonderful guy!! We had just talked about meeting up in Florida this winter!!!! 😭🙏 RIP*

Jane Else - October 29, 2022 at 01:32 PM

JD

“ *John Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



John & Connie Demers - October 29, 2022 at 08:09 AM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



Peg Flynn - October 28, 2022 at 11:51 PM

MY

“ *Mark/Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



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**Mark/Chris Young** - October 28, 2022 at 09:49 PM



“ *Going to miss my friend. R.I.P. Steve*

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**Steph Mickelson** - October 28, 2022 at 09:30 PM



“ *Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



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**Steph Mickelson** - October 28, 2022 at 09:29 PM

CR

“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Steven Stille*



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**connie roche** - October 28, 2022 at 07:08 PM

MD

*My heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Becky and the family. I met Steve & Tim many years ago while employed by Ohio National Life and Steve befriended me like a brother. Never forgot his big heart and how he cared for others. RIP big man with love !*

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**mike Doughwrty** - November 01, 2022 at 06:11 PM

LB

*Prayers and sympathy to Meredith and her whole family. May all your happy memories help you thru this hard time. God bless and comfort you.*

**Linda Barrick** - November 02, 2022 at 12:45 PM

LB

*My sympathy to Meredith and her whole family . May your happy memories help to get you thru these hard times. God bless and comfort you all.*

**Linda Barrick** - November 02, 2022 at 01:38 PM

TH

*Steve was a brother in Delta Tau Delta at the University of South Dakota and word is just spreading around the country of his passing. He was truly a brother, respected and admired by the 100 or more brothers he shared those years met. He stayed in touch with many of us and we have been cheering Steve on thru his health challenges over the past thirteen years. As he was a pillar of support to us, I'm sure he was the same for his many friends and the community of Storm Lake which he loved. Our condolences to Becky, the girls and his family*

*Terry and Barb Hendrick Lake Nebagamon Wisconsin*

**Terry Hendrick** - November 03, 2022 at 12:48 AM



*To Becky and Family.  
Sorry to hear about Steve. He was one person that touched so many lives and made our world a better place. Remember the many happy times you had together.  
Don and Lois Crouch.*

**Don Crouch** - November 10, 2022 at 03:05 PM