



## Steven John Strom

March 3, 1951 - June 19, 2023

Steven John Strom passed away on June 19, 2023 at Accura Healthcare in Aurelia, Iowa.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, July 1, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Hanover, Iowa. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta, Iowa. Visitation will take place Friday, June 30, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born on March 3, 1951 to Elmer and Jean (Duckworth) Strom in Alta, Iowa. Steve married Betty Schmidt on October 9, 1971 at St. John's church in Hanover, Iowa.

Steve attended Alta High School and graduated in 1969. He attended Iowa Lakes before joining the Air Force in 1971, serving in the Philippines before being honorably discharged in 1974. He got his bachelor's degree at Buena Vista University in 1984. Steve worked for the Alta post office as a rural mail carrier before retiring in 2008. He also served as a volunteer firefighter in Alta for 12 years and was a trained EMT.

Steve lived life to the fullest and embraced friends, family and adventures with passion. The greatest love of his life was his family, most importantly his wife

of 51 years, Betty. His three children were a source of pride and he loved them deeply. Perhaps his favorite role came later in life as Papa, the grandfather to his four beloved grandchildren, who adored him. He spent as much time as possible with his grandkids, often with all four piled on the golf cart as he gave them rides around the golf course and to the playground.

Steve liked to keep busy and was a man of many hobbies and even more side jobs. Football has always played an important role in his life, from being a diehard Hawkeye fan to coaching junior high football for 15 years. In addition to being a rural mail carrier, he refereed high school football, umpired high school baseball and softball, sometimes drove the school bus, and briefly coached high school golf. Steve loved golfing, attending Iowa football games, snowmobiling and boating, and could often be found on the lake with his family on the weekends, playing music loudly and hoisting a giant Black Velvet and Diet Sierra Mist...always with Hy-Vee ice. He loved wearing Hawkeye or Okoboji shirts while on vacation to start conversations. Steve was always up for a party and was usually the last to leave. He never met a stranger and was a true, loyal friend to many, including his kids' friends. Steve was the person you relied upon in an emergency, always calm and decisive. He loved his hometown of Alta and once made the comment he "hoped he made Alta proud."

He is survived by his wife Betty, children Staci (Ron), Joni (Dave) and Greg (Gayle), grandchildren Griffin and Gabriele Strom of Storm Lake and Ava and Sophie Miller of Franklin, TN, and his brother Dave of Miami, FL as well as a large extended family. Steve is preceded in death by his mother and father and brother Gordon, along with sisters-in-law Kathy and Nancy and brother-in-law Bill.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 02, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ R.I.P Steve you're in a better place now.



Steph&Sharon Mickelson - June 30, 2023 at 08:36 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven John Strom.



June 30, 2023 at 02:37 PM



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

June 30, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Steven John Strom.*



June 29, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - June 29, 2023 at 03:56 PM



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



June 28, 2023 at 11:48 PM



“ *Greg and Cis Gillis purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Steven John Strom.*



**Greg and Cis Gillis** - June 28, 2023 at 12:10 PM

LA

“ So sorry to hear about Steve. I always had fun playing sports and school activities with Steve from Little League baseball to high school football. I got a chance to catch up a little at the class reunion. My condolences to Betty and family.

Lawrence Ahart - June 26, 2023 at 07:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven John Strom.



June 26, 2023 at 01:24 PM

MG

“ So many memories but this picture was the Steve I first met - so much fun and I will always remember industrious too - hopping off Johnnie Adams milk truck delivering milk bottles to my Grandma & Grandpa Kolpin - we were all so happy and ready to take on anything in this photo - life is too short but he made the most of it



Mary Gebers - June 25, 2023 at 07:50 PM

LP

“ So sorry to hear of Steve passing Betty. Prayers sent to you and family. RIP

Leon and Barb Peterson - June 24, 2023 at 10:18 PM

JB

“ Our hearts are broken-Steve will be so missed.  
Our prayers for all of you,  
Jim and Syd Barber



---

**Jim and Syd Barber** - June 23, 2023 at 12:17 PM

KS

“ My heart is broken for Betty and all Steve’s family and friends- What a wonderful, fun loving and always smiling guy! Love and prayers-  
Karen Scott

---

**karen scott** - June 22, 2023 at 07:28 PM

JS

“ I had to catch my breath when the news of Steve's passing. A great official, and a good man. The world lost a rare individual who was the epitome of excellence and integrity. RIP my friend,

---

**Jason Stoltzfus** - June 22, 2023 at 12:36 AM

RB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of him in high school.



---

**Rebecca Brandt** - June 21, 2023 at 11:03 PM

DD

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



---

**Dave and Cheryl DeMan** - June 21, 2023 at 10:45 PM

KM

“ Betty and family, So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. May you find comfort in the many memories you made together as a family. Our condolences.



*Kevin & Julie McKinney*

---

**Kevin & Julie McKinney** - June 21, 2023 at 08:33 PM

KM

“ A bigger than life personality who welcomed me when I arrived in Alta in 1997. It was always a joy to encounter Steve. I pray you are comforted in your grief as hands and hearts reach out to you and that you'll see a glimpse of Christ as you walk forward in hope, faith and knowing you are always loved.

---

**Ken Meissner** - June 21, 2023 at 08:21 PM

TM

“ Betty, we are so sorry to hear about Steve. So glad we got to see both of you, reminisce and laugh together at our 50th reunion. May God continue to be with you and comfort you.

*Ted and Pam Mahn*

---

**Ted Mahn** - June 21, 2023 at 08:17 PM

KB

“ So very sad for your loss. Prayers to all the family.



Keith and Pat Bjorkgren - June 21, 2023 at 06:06 PM

JC

“ Praying for Steve's family. Peace to you.

Janet (Beard) Clarke - June 21, 2023 at 04:22 PM

MG

“ So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. May cherished memories give you comfort & peace. Our sympathy & prayers are with you all. RIP Steve 🙏🙏🙏



Mike & Bonnie Goebel - June 21, 2023 at 11:37 AM

AN

“ Strom family, my deepest sympathy for your loss of husband, dad, and grandpa Steve!

Ann (Grienke) Mobley



Ann - June 21, 2023 at 11:11 AM

DM

“ We were heartbroken to hear of Steve’s passing. Such a special man who brought joy to so many. May you find peace in the memories and through the love and support from family and friends.



-----  
**Doug and Wendy McMullen** - June 21, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Jen Launderville lit a candle in memory of Steve Strom



-----  
**Jen Launderville** - June 21, 2023 at 10:44 AM

SS

“ Staci Mike Struthers lit a candle in memory of Steve Strom



-----  
**Staci & Mike Struthers** - June 21, 2023 at 10:21 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss!! Thinking of all of you at this time! Kathy Grienke

-----  
**Kathy Grienke** - June 21, 2023 at 08:02 AM

CW

“ So sorry to read that Steve passed away. He was such a nice guy.  
May he Rest in Peace! Cheryl & Delbert Winterhof

---

**Cheryl Winterhof** - June 20, 2023 at 08:18 PM