



Stephen Paul Vanderwest

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Stephen Paul Vanderwest, 57, passed away on March 15, 2021. He was born August 14, 1963, in Muskegon to Kenneth and Shirley (Jager) Vanderwest. He graduated from Mona Shores High School, served in the U.S. Army, and earned his bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University. Steve worked as an asbestos abatement specialist, bartender at Lakeshore Tavern, and coach, spending most of his years enjoying life in Muskegon. He loved his community, playing and watching sports, golfing, the outdoors, hunting, and "the cabin." He had many, many friends. Steve was kind, genuine, friendly, and had a warm and welcoming presence. He had a deep love for his daughters, grandchildren, and family. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth, and his nephew Luke. Steve is survived by his daughters, Melisa (Daniel) Martinez of Clinton Township, Kathleen Vanderwest of Muskegon; their mother, Lisa Marra; five grandchildren, Skylar, Giana, Justyce, Rondell, and Eidrese; five siblings, Janet (David) LaPrairie, Kay (Jim) Panaggio, Kelly (John) VerBerkmoes, Valerie (Kirk) Belmont, and Ken (Rhonda) Vanderwest; his beloved German Shepherd, Beyonce; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. VISITATION will be held from 4:00 - 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 24, 2021. MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held at 11:00 am Thursday, March 25, 2021. Both will be held at Bridge Bible Church (5035 Henry St, Norton Shores, 49441). Interment will take place at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Contributions in memory of Mr. Vanderwest may be made to his grandchildren's education fund, % Melisa Martinez. Share memories with the family at their online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com. Arrangements by The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 6291 S. Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444.



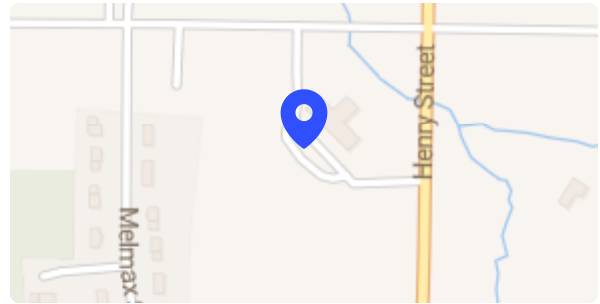
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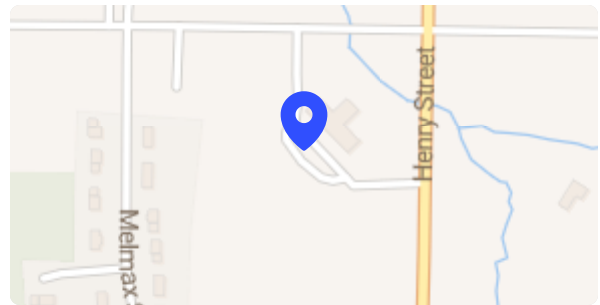
Visitation

- Wednesday**, March 24, 2021
- 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM ET
- Bridge Bible Church**
5035 Henry St., Muskegon MI



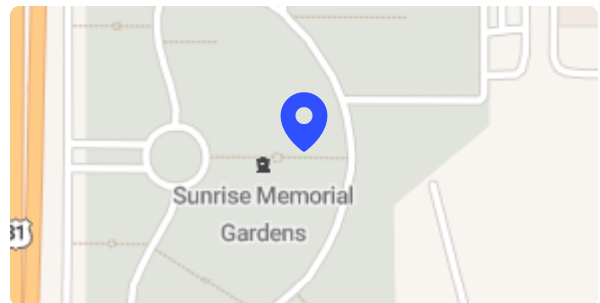
Memorial Service

- Thursday**, March 25, 2021
- 11:00 AM ET
- Bridge Bible Church**
5035 Henry St., Muskegon MI



Cemetery Details

- Sunrise Memorial Gardens**
2188 Remembrance Dr., Muskegon MI 49442





Tribute Wall

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Mark Hansen posted:

I worked with Steve at pro tech environmental for several years..always had a smile on his face..always had a joke to brighten your day up..so so sad to hear of his passing...a good friend and a good hearted person...always spoke highly of his family...r.i.p steven...until we meet again

March 28 at 3:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Vanderwest family.



March 24 at 5:22 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Vanderwest family.



March 23 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Vanderwest family.



March 23 at 6:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Vanderwest family.



March 22 at 1:40 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Vanderwest family.



March 22 at 1:00 PM



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RB

Raymond Barry lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

It saddens me to hear this Steve was an amazing friend and brother who always had a smile on his face and kindness in his heart. He will be deeply missed my prayers and condolences go out to his family and all that got to meet him. God's Blessings to us all 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️



March 22 at 7:22 AM

GB

Gregory Bramer March 23 at 7:01 AM

Steve was a truly a genuine good person. May peace be with his entire family. Too soon my friend. May you rest in eternal peace Steve. 🙏

CS

Catherine Swiatek posted:

Wishing you peace, comfort & love in your next adventure, Steve. Though I didn't get to see you as often in our later years, I always enjoyed your company in our high school and younger days. You were a big part of that fun. Your gentle, kind nature and sweet smile will be missed. Wishing peace & comfort in the coming days for Steve's family, loved ones and cherished friends. Much love...

March 21 at 8:45 AM

BC

Bud & Jan Chase posted:

Steve was a good friend, neighbor and more importantly a very nice man. We looked forward to his visits at the river. Steve always had a smile and enjoyed life. He will be missed. Our prayers are with Shirley and his family. Bud & Jan Chase

March 21 at 6:59 AM

LF

Linda Feldt posted:

Aunt Shirley and family you are in our thoughts and prayers from all the Robert Vanderwest family

March 20 at 3:08 PM



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CM

Chris Martinez lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

Any time I met him he always made me feel like family. He always made me laugh and I could just see how happy he made anyone he was around.

March 19 at 4:45 PM



CC

Cheryl Curtis posted:

Aunt Shirley & family, our prayers are with you at the time, Michael & Cheryl Blais

March 19 at 1:36 PM

CC

Cheryl Curtis lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

March 19 at 1:34 PM



SP

Sharon Puisis March 21 at 1:53 PM

We are so sorry for your loss. We would like to express our sincere condolences to Stephen's Family. Love and Prayers, The Puisis Family.

KD

Karen Daley March 20 at 1:17 PM

All our love and prayers to my aunt Shirley and my cousin Stephens family and friends.

LG

Lori Girard March 19 at 3:07 PM

So sorry for your loss Melissa & Cathy

LG

Lori Girard March 19 at 3:05 PM

So sorry for your loss Melissa & Cathy.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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