



Steven Donaldson

December 18, 1962 - August 19, 2024

Steven Ray Donaldson, 61, of Rockford died on August 19, 2024. Born December 18, 1962, in Rockford; son of Ernest and Blanche (Keating) Donaldson. Steve attended Harlem High School Class of 1981. Steve graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree from the University of Phoenix. He was employed as a Machine Mechanic at PCI and was previously employed at Mondelez International. He was a former member of the Freemasons, Machesney Park Lodge, American Brotherhood Aimed Towards Education, and National Rifleman Association. In his free time, Steve could be found on the back of his Harley Heritage Softail. He loved long road trips and was known to hop on his bike and ride to wherever he happened to end up. Steve enjoyed backcountry and rustic camping, settling in with whatever he could pack in or out on his back. He traveled to the Smokey Mountains, Appalachia and Kentucky. Steve was a great dad, loving son, fantastic brother and treasured "Uncle Teeb" to his nieces and nephews. He was a kid at heart, who enjoyed playing board games with the kids, fighting with Styrofoam swords and spending time with his sons and extended family. He was always present and available for his three sons, whom he loved dearly. Survived by his boys; Blake (Sydney), Connor, and Garrett Donaldson; mother, Blanche Reeder; sister, Debbie (Tim) Rich; nieces and nephews, David (Becky) Rich, Amy (Ben) Vosmek; niece-in-law, Emily Rich; great-nieces and great-nephews, Victoria, Delia, Reese and Edith Rich, and Corban Vosmek; former spouse and friend, Marlene Donaldson; and special friends, "Stretch", Gary

Bunch, Tom James, and Bill Washington. Preceded in death by his father, niece Sarah Rich and nephew Brian Rich. Visitation on Thursday, August 29, 2024, from 4-6 p.m., followed by a celebration of his life at 6 p.m. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services; 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Pastor Bobby Sheets will officiate. Live Stream of the service can be viewed here: <https://my.gather.app/remember/steve-donaldson> In lieu of flowers, Steve's family has requested donations to Easter Seals in his memory: <https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/easterseals-serving-chicagoland-and-greater-rockford/general-donation-form> Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Celebration of Life

AUG **29**. 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



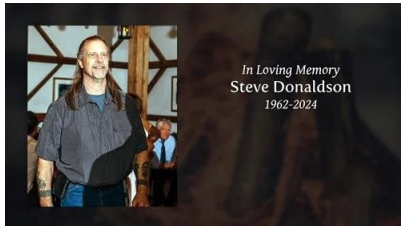
“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Steven Donaldson



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - September 06, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Donaldson



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“ A lot can be said about distant friends, those who you were never close enough to keep in touch with, but that had enough of an impact on your life that you often find yourself thinking about them and hoping they’re doing well. That’s the kind of person Steve was to me in my life, and I only wish I had more time to get a little closer and talk to him just a little bit more than I did. At the end of the day, however, I am really grateful for the time I was able to spend with him, and I’m glad to have nothing but good memories of him and the impact he had on my life. I hope for nothing but the best for his boys and the rest of his family, and just hope he’s resting well. Thanks for everything Steve, hope I get to see you again one day.

Eric - March 31, 2025 at 05:12 PM

JH

“ Dear Family,
We have fond memories of spending time together as kids on Christmas Eve with Steve and Debbie and their parents, Blanche and Ernie. We are grieving with you in the loss of Steve and pray that God will give you comfort in the days ahead. Affectionately,
Janet (and Tom) Hackley

Janet Hackley - August 29, 2024 at 05:26 PM

EA

“ Dear Great Nephew Conner, We so appreciate your choosing a funeral home that has a live stream feature. This allows us, your Great Aunt Elaine and Great Uncle Glenn who live in AZ, to honor your dad by "attending" his service. I know your Dad loved music and I think he's playing in Heaven now with an Angel Band...and loving it! Our deep sympathies to you and all of your Dad's family. With love from your Arizona family (all 19 of us).

Elaine Adamson - August 29, 2024 at 03:25 PM

TF

“ The Wendlandt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Donaldson.

The Wendlandt Family - August 29, 2024 at 07:36 AM

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“ The Wendlandt Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Steven Donaldson.



The Wendlandt Family - August 29, 2024 at 07:36 AM

JL

“ Steve was my next door neighbor during our teens. He was also the best man at my wedding. I worked with him at Mondelez and briefly at PCI. We lost touch in our later years but he was a big part of my life growing up. My condolences to Deb, Tim and his whole family.

Jeff Lilly - August 28, 2024 at 01:17 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Steven Donaldson.



August 28, 2024 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family during your time of grief. May you find comfort in warm memories of Steven, and support from your friends and family. God Bless.*

Jon P - August 27, 2024 at 04:05 PM

MM

“ *Marianne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Donaldson.*

Marianne M. - August 27, 2024 at 10:13 AM