



Steven Norby

January 31, 1953 - May 29, 2024

Steven Gerald Norby passed away peacefully at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home Wednesday, May 29 at the age of 71. Steve was born January 31, 1953 to parents Phyllis (Wilson) and Gerald Norby.

He had many health challenges in his life but conquered them all with grace and dignity.

Steve graduated from Price Lab School in 1971 and earned a B.A. from Iowa State in 1975. He attended the University of Iowa College of Law and graduated with Distinction in 1979.

He began his legal career at the Iowa Attorney General's Office in the Environmental Law Division. Steve then was in private practice, Special Assistant County Attorney for three counties doing drug prosecutions, then moved to Cedar Falls where he became an Assistant County Attorney. He spent his last years before retirement in 2017, at Iowa Legal Aid.

He spent many years on the Blackhawk County Democratic Committee. After retirement, Steve began volunteering at Allen Hospital, Cedar Valley Hospice, the Cedar Falls Lion's Club, and Sons of Norway. When he wasn't volunteering, he was reading, kayaking solo or with the Cedar Valley Paddler's Club, biking on our beautiful trails, learning and playing pickle ball,

fishing, and literally communing with nature and wildlife. Steve's "happy place" was outside. He could also be found listening to music, attending the symphony, drinking a beer at our local brewpub with friends, and going to UNI men's basketball games with a high school friend. Steve also enjoyed spending time with the "Octopus" group every Thursday.

While Steve was attending law school, he bonded with a group of fellow students (the PUDS), who all became lifelong friends. Many years ago, Steve formed a special friendship with a child named Eric. This friendship also lasted for a lifetime.

Steve was a gentle soul and passionate progressive. Society could do with more of his kind.

Steve's greatest love was for his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Barb Drews, children Niko and Gigi, brother Joel and sister Suzette, nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers, and particularly the staff at Cedar Valley Hospice for their support and guidance.

Memorials may be directed to: Cedar Valley Hospice, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Friends of the Family in Waverly, and the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony.

Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior. A reception will take place following the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John American Lutheran Church
715 College
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 268-0165
<http://stjohncf.org>

Memorial Service

JUN 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Reception following the service.

Tribute Wall

BT

“ *Brian T. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Steven Norby.*



Brian T. - June 05, 2024 at 03:43 PM

NC

“ *Dear Barb, I will always remember Steve's kindness to me. The world needs more people like him.*

Norma Caquelin

Norma Caquelin - June 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM

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“ *I've known Steve since we were Freshman dorm mates at Iowa State University. We fast became friends and enjoyed spending time together throughout our college days. Although we ended up living several states apart after college, Steve made it a point to stay in touch. We enjoyed hours of conversations on the phone, and tried to see each other whenever my wife and I were back in Iowa. We were so fortunate to have Steve and Barb come to visit us in Texas a couple of years back, and we all had a wonderful time together. Steve was a funny, gentle, empathetic, and caring person who committed his career and life to helping those around him. We will miss him deeply. We want to extend our deepest sympathies to Barb, the children, and the entire family. Jeff and Donna Olson*

Jeff Olson - June 03, 2024 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ Joy & Kevin, Lori & Steve, Eric & Sandra purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Steven Norby.



Joy & Kevin, Lori & Steve, Eric & Sandra - June 03, 2024 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ Joy & Kevin, Lori & Steve, Eric & Sandra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven Norby.

Joy & Kevin, Lori & Steve, Eric & Sandra - June 03, 2024 at 12:15 PM

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“ I came to know Steven only since 2017 or so, late in his life, which was my loss. He was a gentle and wise man who cared deeply for others, especially those less fortunate. I was honored to be his friend. My sincere condolences to his spouse, Barbara, his entire family and all who loved him.

Keith Kuper - June 02, 2024 at 01:19 PM