



## Steven J. Seelhammer

September 12, 1961 - September 9, 2019

Steven J. Seelhammer (1961-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Steven J. Seelhammer, 57, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Monday, September 9, 2019 at his home.

He was born September 12, 1961, in New Hampton, Iowa, son of Robert and Harriet (Adams) Seelhammer.

He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1979 and earned his BA in Physical Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1984. He taught two years in Illinois, then was a teacher and coach for 28 years in Rosenberg, TX. He retired from teaching in 2014 and became a coach and para educator at Peet Junior High in Cedar Falls. Currently, he was the Athletic Director and a coach at St. Patrick Catholic School in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: two brothers, Jack (Jane) Seelhammer of North Washington and Rick (Susan) Seelhammer of Waterloo; two sisters, Linda (Gary) Steven of New Hampton and Brenda (Shawn) Bartz of Cedar Falls; six nieces and nephews: Robb (Jenn) Steven, Matt (Siri) Steven, Amanda (James) Uhlenhake, Andrew Seelhammer, Trevor and Austin Bartz; eight great-nieces and nephews; step father, Joe CaPaul of Waunakee, WI; and three step siblings, Christy (Ron) Barman and Joe (Debbie) CaPaul, both of Waunakee,

and Cathy (Dave) Tutton of Palmyra, WI.

Preceded in death by: his parents; and a step brother, Dan CaPaul.

Steve loved spending time with his family and friends; which usually included talking all sports and drinking a cold one. He especially loved cheering on the Vikings, Cubs, and Notre Dame football and basketball. His passion in life was teaching, coaching, and mentoring students of all ages. Steve impacted the lives of countless kids. He took the time to help the ones who didn't fit in, the ones that didn't know how to help themselves, and loved the ones that had no one else to love them.

Steve had a beautiful soul and heart of gold. He was kind, loving, and we cannot forget stubborn, but mostly loving. He will be missed dearly by his family, friends, students, and all those who knew him.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14th at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13th at Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary. Visitation also for one hour prior to Mass at the church. Burial in St. Mary's in North Washington.

Memorials may be directed to St. Patrick Catholic School athletic programs.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

North Washington, IA

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 4:15 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

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705 Main Street  
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<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

# Tribute Wall

 Amy  
Billingsley

“ I was in the 4th grade at Meyer when I met Coach when volunteering in special Ed. While I genuinely did like volunteering, Coach noticed after the 4th recess in a week I was there. He took me off to the side and checked in with me. Tgrough tears, i told I was being bullied on the playground and volunteering "saved me". He gave me a side hug, let me regroup and finish my recess. While the bullying never totally stopped, it definitely lightened up. I volunteered in the class the rest of the year, no questions asked. I'm not the most sporty or super academically inclined; however, when the pricipal Mr. D was handing out awards, my name was called. Me and only me! In front of the WHOLE school. As a representative of the teachers I was awarded a certificate for my time. Until that point, I had never "won" anything and nothing near as special since. I kept my cert visible for years, until it was lost to a fire; however the reassurance Coach gave me has lasted a lifetime. I was a little kid but he affected me in big ways. I earned my degrees phys ed and psychology and now do case management at risk or homeless teens and young adults. Thank you

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**Amy Billingsley** - October 24, 2022 at 12:37 AM

AS

“ Coach Seelhammer...My junior high track coach!!! George Jr. High. You were amazing!! Tough, but amazing!! You were one of the few who gave me wings. I loved you... Arlanda

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**Arlanda V Simon** - February 18, 2021 at 01:52 AM

CG

“ My deepest condolences to The Seelhammer Family, Steven was a wonderful coach, I met Steven at Terry High School and had the privilege to have worked with him for 16 years, he showed his love to his students every single day, and was always there to help them or anyone, including my son, which he called so lovingly called Sally, his name was (Saul), which my son loved, he will be greatly missed, I will forever miss his loud beautiful voice greeting me every morning with Good Morning Sunshine, you were truly a great friend, I thank God for placing us together and blessing me with such a wonderful friend, rest in peace Steven.

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**Carmen Garza** - September 16, 2019 at 05:07 AM

CG

“ I remember the first time I met Coach Seelhammer at his very first Terry Ranger baseball camp for youth. My boys were 2 of the 4 boys there. I was so grateful for his kindness and welcome. Coach had a newspaper clipping of these first 4 campers in the press box. Aaron and Dylan continued to go to his camps as they grew until they played in high school. He was an awesome coach and mentor! Wherever life leads Aaron and Dylan, I know Coach Seelhammer will always be remembered! He will be missed. Rest in Peace Coach Seelhammer!

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**Christine Garcia** - September 14, 2019 at 07:23 PM

MF

“ Coach Seelhammer and I were friends for over 22 years and what I remember most about him was his beautiful smile and love of life! He was truly a great friend, co-worker, and Ranger Forever! Thank you, Coach, for all that you have given to the field of education and the love you had for your students and friends. God opened his gates for another angel. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

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**Maria Fondon** - September 14, 2019 at 07:18 PM

BR

“ As Rhonda Becker and I sit here watching the Notre Dame football game and drinking a cold one, we have been reminiscing about our lives with Steve. We all came down to Texas, with no family to pursue teaching opportunities. We never imagined we would spend 35 yrs in Texas. Steve and Jeff coached little league in cedar falls and Steve and I worked at the parks and recreation department. After we all came to Texas, we spent many weekends grilling, playing cards, spoons, and going out to eat. We road tripped back and forth to Iowa Christmas and summer. Rhonda and Steve roomed together over 12 years. Even though we took different paths in our lives, Steve will always be in our hearts!!! RIP our friend! Love ,  
Barbararosenbaum35@gmail.com and Rhonda Becker

Barbara abbe Rosenbaum - September 14, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.



September 13, 2019 at 09:13 PM

TB

“ Track & CC Buddies lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Seelhammer



Track & CC Buddies - September 13, 2019 at 05:16 PM

JA

“ Steve and were friends for over 35 years. We met in college and coached Little League in the Cedar Falls area. He followed my wife and I to Texas to start his teaching career. Since we didn't know too many people, he came over almost every weekend for steak and beverages. We counted on each other for many things in our various stages of life. We made many trips back to Iowa for Christmas and during the summer. We went to a couple of Viking games in Dallas and many Cubs games in Houston as well as a lot of rounds of golf. One memorable night we even did karaoke after a particular long Cubs game. My kids grew up calling him "Uncle Steve" and looked forward to having him in our lives. He was a true friend and I am struggling with the notion that our journey in life has ended. Many happy memories.

*Jeff Abbe*

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**Jeff Abbe** - September 13, 2019 at 03:38 PM

HK

“ It would be so hard to pick just one memory. He was very special to both of our boys and go back to the first year at Smith Elementary. We were so sorry to learn of his passing, we had lost touch over the years. All of his family are in our thoughts and prayers. He is now in God's care.

*Robert, Holly, Jaron and Cody Kubala*

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**Holly Kubala** - September 12, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.



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September 12, 2019 at 08:28 PM

HG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Hadyn Guild - September 12, 2019 at 06:02 PM

AN

*There is no way this picture is still up... I'm almost 20 now... miss you, grandpa... I hope you admire my ethical thinking. And how good my speech is now.*

Andy - June 28, 2025 at 08:56 AM

HG

“ *My favorite memory was going out and spending time with him and sitting in our science room and talking and making videos together. I will miss you grandpa.*

Hadyn Guild - September 12, 2019 at 05:42 PM

DP

“ *Darrell, Joy, Jake, Luke, Payton, & Preslee purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



Darrell, Joy, Jake, Luke, Payton, & Preslee - September 12, 2019 at 03:25 PM

DL

“ *My deepest sympathy to Steve's Family. May God Bless.*

*Debbie Lowe  
NHHS Class of '79*

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**Debbie Lowe** - September 12, 2019 at 10:24 AM

DK

“ *Don Tudy Lockwood Troy Kim(Lockwood)Myers purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



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**Don Tudy Lockwood Troy Kim(Lockwood)Myers** - September 11, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



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September 11, 2019 at 10:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



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September 11, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



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September 11, 2019 at 05:36 PM



“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the Seelhammer family. God bless all of you atvthis difficult time!*

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**Dick Galligan** - September 11, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ *B&F Fastener Supply Family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.*



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**B&F Fastener Supply Family** - September 11, 2019 at 03:06 PM

SC

“ Coach Seelhammer was a wonderful addition to the St. Patrick family. His love for the kids and for our athletic programs was evident in the passion he had for making a name for St. Pats and our athletic programs. He wanted our kids to feel important and that their school and sports could be just as competitive as our peers. He energized our programs in so many ways. Two of our children benefited from his teaching and coaching. Our eight grade son especially is going to miss his beloved basketball coach. It was an honor to be able to have him with St. Pats. Blessings to all of his family and friends.

-Kelly, Stacey, Lily, Eva and Leo Christensen

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**Stacey Christensen** - September 11, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.



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September 11, 2019 at 10:03 AM

WF

“ With love from the Terry Ranger Football Family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Steven J. Seelhammer.



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**With love from the Terry Ranger Football Family.** - September 10, 2019 at 10:04 PM

KR

“ Steve was a true friend that I had the pleasure of meeting and working with at Terry HS. I came on staff in the Fall of 2004 and Steve was one of the first coaches to welcome me in and get to know me. We spent 10 years together doing our best to take care of the kiddos at Terry and win a few games along the way. The amount of people that have been touched by Coach in Rosenberg is staggering. As Coach Longstreet said, you could not go around town with Coach and not have someone come up and want to talk and catch up with Steve.

*Thank you Coach for your guidance and friendship. Thank you for being a blessing in my life and showing us all how a life should be lived.*

*Kevin "Doc" Roberts*

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**Kevin Roberts** - September 10, 2019 at 09:52 PM

KS

“ Linda and family, You have my sincere sympathy in the loss of your brother, Steve. May all the memories keep you close in your heart. Karen



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**Karen Schwickerath** - September 10, 2019 at 09:13 PM

SM

“ I have been running over so many memories in my mind....I used to laugh how he'd get upset at one of my bad jokes...and then he'd just start laughing....I remember when I had to drive his Freshman to LaMarque ....I was ticked that I had to drive his bus....and he was giving me directions....we were driving south on I-45 and he said he had directions....when I passed what I was sure was the exit...he said “Moody, I know where I'm going!” (He has his gamete e in) I just shook my head....next thing we know we are in the salt flats and about to go over the causeway to Galveston.he was ticked and wouldn't say a word....I was being cool about it...I took the last exit before the causeway and made the U turn.....he still wasn't talking....I went back and turned where I originally wanted too....then I couldn't hold it any longer and just busted out laughing...he glared at me...,then he smiled that Seelhammer smile,....and started laughing also.....we were both crying from laughing so hard.....one of the many memories I have with him.....my friend....you were a blessing to my life....you are truly going to be missed my friend.

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**Scott Moody** - September 10, 2019 at 08:57 PM

PL

“ I got the pleasure to work with Steve for 6 great years at Terry HS. We coached football together and I worked as his assistant baseball coach. He truly loved all kids! I learned so much from him in the day to day aspect of dealing with kids. Countless times ex players would come up and talk to Steve around town, or after a game. **THEY ALL LOVED HIM!** I also got to enjoy life outside of school with Steve...Astros games, fantasy football, and the famous S2 survivor league. I will surely miss my friend and am praying for his family, wishing I could be there. Love you Steve...”Don't feed the animals”  
Coach Patrick Longstreet

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**Patrick Longstreet** - September 10, 2019 at 06:59 PM

DO

“ Our deepest sympathy to Steve's brothers and sisters. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Your family has always been very special to us..May God Bless you and give you comfort  
Cletus and Doris

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**Doris** - September 10, 2019 at 02:57 PM

NN

“ Words cannot express how much Steven will be missed. My 2 sons were fortunate enough to have played baseball and football for him; the oldest one 2 years and the youngest one 1 year. When I told Coach the youngest one had decided to transfer to the new high school, coach told me it was not goodbye, but see you later. That was typical of the kind words he always said. He was one of the most positive, hardworking, and caring men I have known.

*My sincerest condolences to his family, co-workers, and friends.  
May he Rest In Peace in our Father's loving arms.*

*So dear friend, Coach Seelhammer, it is not good-bye, but see you later.*

*Nancy Nowak*

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**Nancy Nowak** - September 10, 2019 at 01:53 PM

TU

*Jack  
So sorry about your brother  
Condolences to the family*

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**Thomas Unga** - September 10, 2019 at 07:01 PM