



## Steven A. Van Deest

December 20, 1960 - September 19, 2017

Steven A. Van Deest (1960-2017)

WATERLOO - Steven A. Van Deest, 56, of Waterloo, died Tuesday, September 19, at his home.

He was born December 20, 1960 in Cedar Falls, son of Bernard and Carol (Rogers) Van Deest. He married Linette Rogers and they later divorced.

He graduated from Maquoketa Valley High School and earned his Associate degree in Agri-Business from Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo. He then earned his BA in Social Work from the University of Northern Iowa.

Steven participated in RAGBRI 13 times, enjoyed farming, loved his 1970 Chevelle and spending time with family and friends. Even though he was paralyzed in an accident in 1980, he never let that limit him; he always created ways to be as independent as he could be.

Survived by: his mother, Carol Hoeweler of Waterloo; two sisters, Carla (Kevin) Leyen of Reinbeck and Colleen Starnes of Kyle, TX; five nieces: Brooke (Tyler) Rice, Rachael (Shawn) Selmeski, Nicole (Andy) Knapp, Audrey Leyen, and Hannah Starnes; and a nephew, Cameron Starnes.

Preceded in death by: his father, step-father, Harold Hoeweler; and special friend, Lynne Lusson.

Services: 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 25, at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls with burial in Lincoln Township Cemetery, rural Grundy Center. Visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lincoln Township Cemetery

rural Grundy Center, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **24**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **25**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church  
1907 Viking Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-2655  
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Carol and family. You have my deepest sympathy. Though he is no longer physically with you, he will always live on in everyone's hearts and memories. What a great guy and role model he was. Love and Prayers. Carol Dietzel*

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**Carol Dietzel** - September 27, 2017 at 08:08 PM

HL

“ *Harold and Diane LeGore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Steven A. Van Deest.*



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**Harold and Diane LeGore** - September 25, 2017 at 10:55 AM

NK

“ Steve has been in my life for a long time as well my family's; more so Danielle's lately with all the dairy shows. He will be greatly missed sitting in his wheelchair at the entrance of the showrings. We were chopping corn silage here yesterday and a funny memory came back to me as Steve always wanted to be where the action was. We were chopping silage and Steve decided to wheel down by the bagger and watch the unloading. He got stuck in the corn rows & the wheel chair's motor quit. Audrey was quite little so between the two of us we pushed, pulled and dragged Steve away from the tractor and bagger. We finally got him up to the yard and a neighbor came and got the wheel chair running again so he could drive home.

Carla, Audrey, Carol, Colleen and family, our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Steve will be remembered by his kindness and his great love for dairy cows.

Doug and Nancy Kiefer

Danielle Kiefer

Dustin & Dallas Kiefer and Amber

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**Nancy Kiefer** - September 25, 2017 at 10:11 AM

MK

“ To Steve's family: You are all in my thoughts & prayers. Keep those memories alive in your heart. Steve was a fellow classmate.

Mark Kramer

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**Mark Kramer** - September 25, 2017 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ Carol, Colleen and Carla,  
Our love and sympathy go out to you.  
Know that Steven did a valiant job of living life, and it wasn't easy  
for him. May God's love surround you and  
May you feel His presence when you most need it.  
Friends the Antons, Judy, Bryan Paul and Nancy

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**Judy Anton and family** - September 24, 2017 at 09:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



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September 24, 2017 at 10:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



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September 23, 2017 at 08:14 AM

RL

“ I send my deepest sympathy for your loss. You gave of yourselves  
to help Steven have a full, rewarding life.

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**Rita Lynn** - September 22, 2017 at 08:24 PM

GW

“ You are in our prayers and know the God of all comfort will be with you. Jim Willms

Gloria Willms - September 22, 2017 at 04:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



September 22, 2017 at 04:33 PM

RH

“ Rehab at Seton Hays purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



Rehab at Seton Hays - September 22, 2017 at 11:31 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



September 22, 2017 at 08:36 AM

DB

“ Carol and family so sorry for your loss.....My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all.....Steve was like a son to me and I never liked to leave the Sunday service at Prairie Lakes without my hug from him. And than there was the Bremer County Fair too. Steve never let being in a wheelchair stop him from doing the things he enjoyed.....he was a real inspiration to me. Dita Boorum

Dita Boorum - September 22, 2017 at 07:07 AM

KJ

“ Kim Jenison lit a candle in memory of Steven A. Van Deest



Kim Jenison - September 21, 2017 at 09:37 PM

KJ

Thinking of Steve's family in their loss. I remember when Great Grandma Tena was still alive and we would all get together for potlucks. Amazing how quickly time can fly by. - Harriet's granddaughter Kim

Kim Jenison - September 21, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven A. Van Deest.



September 21, 2017 at 12:37 PM