



Stephen L. Kaes

November 30, 1956 - February 8, 2016

Steve went to be with our Lord on February 8, 2016, after a long battle with cancer. Steve was born to William and Marilyn (Thornton) Kaes in Boston, Massachusetts, on November 30, 1956. He was the third of five children with two brothers and two sisters.

His family moved from Massachusetts to Mill Valley, California in 1966, and then to Port Orchard, Washington in 1973 where Steve graduated from South Kitsap High School. He joined the Air Force shortly after graduating and was stationed at San Bernadino, CA. Following four years in the Air Force specializing in heating systems, he joined the civil service as a Boiler Mechanic and remained in San Bernadino until 1986. He returned to Port Orchard and continued his career as a Boiler Mechanic at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton. Steve moved to Everett when he began working at Boeing in 2011. He was proud to work there and really enjoyed his new job as a structural mechanic.

Steve was a devoted bicyclist all through his youth and travelled a lot of miles on his 10-speed. He was at the front of the pack nearing the finish line when he once participated in a race from Kitsap County to Yakima. He kept to the two-wheeled transportation when he moved to San Bernadino and bought a motorcycle. He took full advantage of the southern California weather, riding it daily and taking pleasure trips. Steve returned to Washington with a Camaro that he drove for many, many years, but his favorite vehicle by far was the new one he bought a couple of years ago. He named "her" Black Beauty and loved driving that car; whenever or wherever, he didn't need a reason to get behind the wheel. His favorite tune to drive by was the Sammy Hagar song, "I Can't Drive 55".

Steve enjoyed travelling and camping trips with his family during his younger years. He was a quiet man and he took pleasure in quiet pursuits; he particularly liked being near the water, going crabbing or just spending time on the shore enjoying the quiet time gazing at the water thinking his thoughts. He liked doing jigsaw puzzles, playing games on his computer, and was an avid reader. Steve liked spending time with his friends and family members, be it in person or just chatting on the telephone, and all of these relationships

were special to him. He was always welcoming and kind to others and would do anything he could for those in need.

Steve was a man of strong faith. He was a devout Christian and his Bible was always close at hand. In addition to spending time reading it, he pursued Bible studies as well. Steve's faith got him through the hard times in his life, especially these last few years when his health was failing. May he rest in peace in the arms of his Lord and Savior.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, William Kaes, and his Uncle Richard Thornton. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn, his brothers and sisters, Bill, Linda, Brian, and Dianne, and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 19th, at 11:00 AM at St. Bede Episcopal Church, 1578 SE Lider Road, Port Orchard. The service will be followed by a short gathering for friends and family at the church reception hall.

Comments



“ Thank you for leading me to Jesus Steve. I Love You.



Dianne - February 01 at 07:26 PM



“ you taught me so much more than how to ride a bicycle, god blessed us with you, so proud of you, miss you very much
Bri



brian - June 05, 2020 at 11:28 AM



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Linda - May 01, 2016 at 02:44 AM



“ Teresa Aka Woo Woo lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Kaes



teresa aka woo woo - March 07, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ Your my soulmate and I love you

teresa aka woo woo - March 07, 2016 at 09:01 PM



“ Your in my heart and I always have much to talk about with you

teresa aka woo woo - March 07, 2016 at 09:02 PM



“ Sondra King lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Kaes



Sondra King - February 24, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ Steve, you were always so kind to me, even when no one else was. I enjoyed talking with you on the phone on a regular basis, sometimes for hours. I remember when I first met you, 18 years ago. Steve, I miss talking with you, so much. You were my best friend. I love you and I know you're happy where you are now. God bless you my friend.

Sondra King - February 24, 2016 at 10:41 PM



“ Steve was best man at our wedding in 1976. He was my roommate and best friend at the time. Steve always had a unique perspective on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He didn't always make the best decisions, but he always lived life the way he wanted to. I'm sure glad I got to reconnect with him last year and finally meet and spend a couple hours with his wonderful mother. Sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers to his family. Warmest regards. Bill Lawson

Bill Lawson - February 13, 2016 at 11:09 PM



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Danielle Belshee - February 13, 2016 at 10:23 PM



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Linda - February 12, 2016 at 05:18 PM