



Steve Dunker

January 17, 2022

The funeral service for Steven Dunker of Wadenawas held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, at the Alliance Church in Wadena, MN.

Visitation was held on Friday, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., and resumed at church on Saturday from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Surrounded by his family, Steve, age 67, passed away on January 17, 2022, at the Mayo Methodist Hospital in Rochester, MN.

Steve was born to Lowell and LaVonne (Luthe) Dunker on November 15, 1954 in Owatonna, MN. After graduating from high school and technical college he went into telecommunications for a lifelong career.

Steve was united in marriage with Jacquelyn “Jackie” Rentz on November 25, 1978, in Wadena, where they made their home and raised their family. After work hours, Steve’s passion for being outdoors found him hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, and motorcycling with Jackie, family and friends. He would often putter out in his workshop, but most of all, he loved time spent with his family.

Preceding Steve in death were his parents, Lowell and LaVonne; and in-laws,

LaVerne and Eileen Rentz.

Memories of Steve will remain with his loving wife, Jackie; children, Eric (Kristi) Dunker, Kayla (Brady) Folkestad, and Addie (Ryan Petersen) Dunker; very special grandchildren, Ruby, Ella and Brayden; siblings, Kitty (Gary) Boylan, Kriss (Bob) Frink and Julie (Ken) Tubbesing; along with Jackie's siblings, LeRoy (Bonnie), Steven (Sandie), LaVerna (Dennis) Mellesmoen, Virginia (Charles) Brunko, Bonnie (Jim) Crider, Rita Jensen, Adele Rentz (Jack Wiemann), and Joyce Nix.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Boylan, Jack Wiemann, Chuck Brunko and Brayden Jevne.

Serving as pallbearers were Jason Brunko, José Márquez, Michael Boylan, Brent Mellesmoen, Ryan Petersen, Don Scheller and Andrew Márquez.

Burial will be in Wadena Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

JAN 22. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JAN 22. 2:30 PM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Steve Dunker*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 20, 2022 at 06:36 PM



Steve Dunker our friend and now watching over us from above!

Liz Uphoff - January 21, 2022 at 09:08 PM

DM

Rest In Peace dear brother in Christ.

Debbie Mursu - January 22, 2022 at 11:50 AM

SL

“ *Sher Linnes lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Sher Linnes - January 31, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 24, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Jackie & Family; my Heart is with you at this time of great loss, may all the beautiful memories fill your Heart each and everyday .*



Polly Kern Anderson - January 24, 2022 at 04:24 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to You Jackie and to the whole family .
Jim & Jackie McManigle*



Jim & Jackie McManigle - January 23, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Pat Lorentz lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Pat Lorentz - January 22, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Papa Steve and Papa Roger!*



Liz Uphoff - January 22, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ *Jackie, I will always remember our friendship growing at GOL. We are there for you. Memories are always the best to remember what life has dealt us. Hugs and love Liz and Roger!*



Liz Uphoff - January 22, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Jackie & Family-*
I did not know Steve well- but was blessed to become friends with him and Jackie at the Mayo Clinic and staying at the Gift of Life House together. You both will forever be friends to me and Barb and Allison and we are so very sorry for your loss- I will think of you everyday Jackie and asked God to help you with the strength and guidance to help you be strong to get through this and that Steve will always Rest In Peace. Hugs to you Jackie. Love Amy



Amy Pettenato - January 22, 2022 at 04:26 PM

SH

“ Hugs and prayers Aunt Jackie, Kayla, Eric and Addie.
Love you, Shelly, Mark, Meaghan and Makenna



Shelly - January 22, 2022 at 04:24 PM

SH

“ Shelly lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Shelly - January 22, 2022 at 04:21 PM

LH

“ Louise Hursh lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Louise Hursh - January 22, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Dave Schumacher - January 22, 2022 at 01:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 21, 2022 at 04:32 PM



“ *Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Alan Schumacher - January 21, 2022 at 03:47 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 21, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Steve was more than a brother-in-law. He was my brother. I'll think of him every time I ride my motorcycle, have morning coffee or a Windsor in the evening. Damn, I'm gonna miss you bro.*
Jack W.

Jack Wiemann - January 21, 2022 at 02:52 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - January 21, 2022 at 02:24 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 21, 2022 at 11:48 AM

CR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jackie and the entire family.*



Curt & Bonnie Rentz - January 21, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 21, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ Dan And Deb Sweere lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Dan and Deb Sweere - January 21, 2022 at 08:53 AM



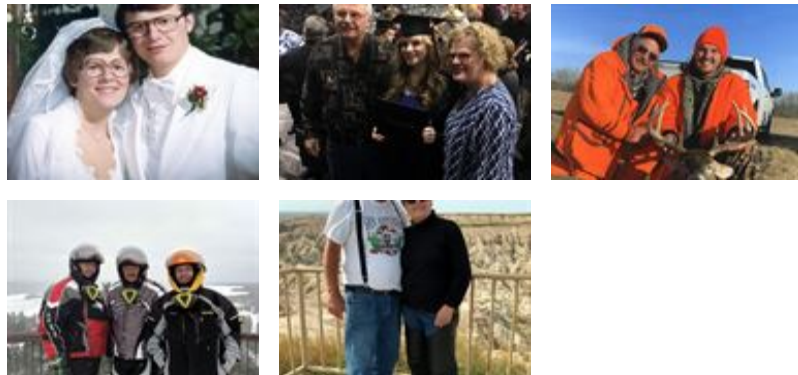
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.



January 20, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ 18 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 20, 2022 at 06:34 PM

MP

“ Morris & Karen Priebe lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Morris & Karen Priebe - January 20, 2022 at 04:15 PM

AS

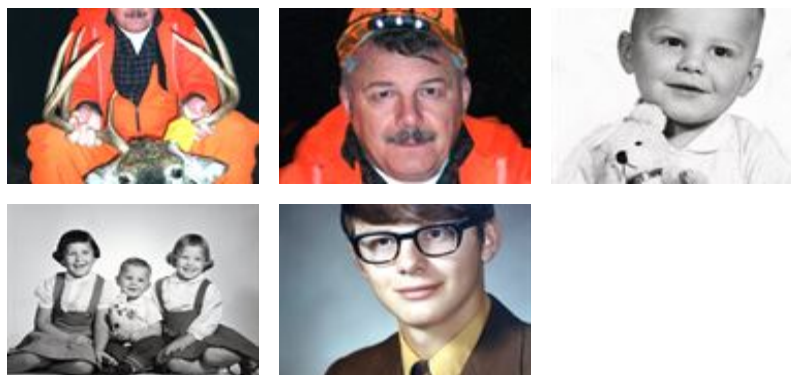
“ Amy And Milo Scott lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Amy and Milo Scott - January 20, 2022 at 01:59 PM



“ 26 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 20, 2022 at 11:24 AM

KD

“ Jackie & Family, so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Thoughts of comfort & peace to you and your family.

Katie Dykhoff - January 20, 2022 at 11:11 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 20, 2022 at 10:25 AM



“ *Debbie Wright lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Debbie Wright - January 20, 2022 at 09:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 20, 2022 at 08:34 AM



“ *Steve was a true friend. We always enjoyed riding motorcycles and visiting about many things. His wit, humor and thoughts on things were always an enjoyable time!
He truly will be missed.. RIP 🤔*

Ron and Gretchen Noon - January 19, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *My sympathy to Jackie and family.*



Sandi Sneed - January 19, 2022 at 08:10 PM



“ *Jackie, I am so sorry to hear of Steve passing away. May you feel God's loving arms around you and your family during this difficult time.*

Sue Folkestad Stromberg - January 19, 2022 at 07:57 PM



“ *Kathy (Olson) Sletten lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Kathy (Olson) Sletten - January 19, 2022 at 07:27 PM

HD

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Prayers



Harry and Judy Dahlin - January 19, 2022 at 06:12 PM

GK

“ Gene & Sandy Kapphahn lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Gene & Sandy Kapphahn - January 19, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.



January 19, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Rocky Reese - January 19, 2022 at 03:30 PM

DS

“ *Dan Sartell lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Dan Sartell - January 19, 2022 at 02:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 02:50 PM

GC

“ *Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Gladys Chase - January 19, 2022 at 02:03 PM

CB

“ *Kayla, Brady, Ruby and the Dunker family, We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear one. I hope you feel our love and compassion in supporting you during his difficult time. Please know how much we care. Connie & Bart*

Connie & Bart - January 19, 2022 at 01:37 PM

CB

“ *Connie & Bart lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Connie & Bart - January 19, 2022 at 01:29 PM

AK

“ *Amy Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Amy Kleinke - January 19, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RY

“ *Rick & Linda Youngbauer lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Rick & Linda Youngbauer - January 19, 2022 at 01:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 12:59 PM

LT

“ I wish I could say something to help ease the pain, but knowing how many people are sharing your pain should help. Steve was a good man and will be missed by many!
Les & Sarah

Les Thorstenson - January 19, 2022 at 11:49 AM

DK

“ *Dave And Linda Kleinke lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Dave and Linda Kleinke - January 19, 2022 at 11:26 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 11:20 AM

LB

“ *Jackie and Family: So sorry to hear of the passing of Steve - sending prayers!*

Leanne and Ray Buettner - January 19, 2022 at 11:00 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lynk lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Mary Lynk - January 19, 2022 at 10:32 AM

RK

“ *Rich & Mavis Kendall lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Rich & Mavis Kendall - January 19, 2022 at 10:25 AM

LG

“ *Lyle And Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Lyle and Cindy Goeden - January 19, 2022 at 10:24 AM

LB

“ *Kayla, Ruby, Brady and the Dunker family,
We are so sorry for your loss. May your wonderful memories
comfort you during this difficult time.
Laurie and Jim*

Laurie B - January 19, 2022 at 10:20 AM

BB

“ Hugs and prayers to the family!!



Bruce and Barb Brown - January 19, 2022 at 10:13 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.



January 19, 2022 at 09:38 AM

KL

“ Ken & Nancy Lawson lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Ken & Nancy Lawson - January 19, 2022 at 09:31 AM

DC

“ Dan & Jeannie Carlisle lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker



Dan & Jeannie Carlisle - January 19, 2022 at 09:29 AM

DR

“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



david & barb rousslang - January 19, 2022 at 09:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 08:21 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Dunker.*



January 19, 2022 at 07:44 AM

ST

“ *Sympathy and Prayers to all the family.*

Sue Theisen - January 19, 2022 at 07:36 AM



“ *Nancy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Nancy Peterson - January 19, 2022 at 07:22 AM



“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Jon Johnson - January 19, 2022 at 06:28 AM



“ *JACKIE, Eric, Kayla and Addie I'm so sorry for your loss . Words cannot express my sorrow.*



Penny Mcmanigle - January 18, 2022 at 10:19 PM



“ *Tom & DeAnna Snyder lit a candle in memory of Steve Dunker*



Tom & DeAnna Snyder - January 18, 2022 at 09:57 PM