



Steven Michael Highland

March 16, 1945 - May 24, 2024

Steven Michael Highland was the first born to Olaf and Wilma (Rasmussen) Highland, Friday, March 16, 1945. They called Randall, Iowa home where they later welcomed Kari Ann, Thor, Charlie, and Peggy. He was baptized and confirmed at Bergen Lutheran Church in Roland, Iowa. He attended McCallsburg Elementary and NESCO High School, graduating with his best friend Darryl Crain in 1963.

Through a NESCO FFA Fundraiser, he worked with Dick Sparrow of the famed 40 Horse Hitch. He and his sister Kari Ann tripped the light fantastic as award-winning square dancers at the Rose Capital of Iowa, in State Center.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1964 serving 4 years. He was honorably discharged as Corporal Highland having served as Cryptographic Technician. He received a good conduct medal, national defense service medal, rifle sharpshooter badge and pistol marksman badge. He joined other veterans on a Freedom Flight in October of 2015.

He met and then married Kathy and Kevin Olson, on May 14, 1971. He adopted Kevin in 1972. On July 7, 1973, Chad Michael arrived and added to their family.

Steve's employment history started with working for a well drilling company and a sanitation worker in Ames prior to starting at the Iowa Highway Commission in 1970, retiring from the Iowa DOT in 2008. He served Nevada working at Kum n' Go, and then Johnson's Hardware, Ace Hardware, True Value, Hardware Hank, and Nevada Ace Hardware, all in the same building. He thoroughly enjoyed volunteering for his community of Nevada through the Nevada First Responders and Story County Sheriff's Reserve.

The last few years, Steve was the hero of 3rd Street Place as the resident snow blower and lawn mower. He is known for his ability to eat his weight in Kumla, and eat more than anyone at family meals, but never gain an ounce.

Those surviving Steve are his wife Kathy, sons Kevin (Paul), and Chad. Granddaughters Madilyn and Eden. Sisters Kari Ann (Lynn) Tevepaugh and Peggy Highland. Sister-in-Laws Julie Highland and Beth Highland, goddaughter Aimee Kluesner, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his father Olaf, mother Wilma, brothers Charley and Thor, and nephews Mathew and Joey. Grandmothers Cecil Rasumssen, grandparents Louie and Ida Johnson, great grandma Carrie Erickson, aunt and uncle Joann and Cleo Rasmussen, aunts Thordis Christian, Audrey Larson, Connie Mead and uncle George Highland.

We are all better people for having Steve in our lives.

A memorial service honoring Steve will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2024, at Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home (1418 Fawcett Pkwy) in Nevada. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the

service.

Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home in Nevada is handling arrangements. Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.rasmussonfh.com.

Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

Rasmusson-Ryan
Funeral Home &
Crematory - Nevada
1418 Fawcett
Parkway, Nevada, IA
50201



VISITATION

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

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Max Klinger

Our sympathy to his family. Steve was a good neighbor and so helpful at the hardware store. May God be with you all Max and Marilyn Klinger

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Donnette

Prayers



Tribute Store

A memorial tree was planted in memory of Steven Michael Highland.



Kelly and Art Check

Our thoughts and prayers with the family. I enjoyed getting to know him over the last few years.



"Peaceful Condolences"

was purchased for the family of Steven Michael Highland



Tribute Store

Show your support with flowers



A tree was also planted in memory of Steven Michael Highland.

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Debbie Haywood

I'm so sorry, Highland family. Thinking of all of you.

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Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory



"Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home & Crematory posted a video"



Watch now

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Paul Rizzo

Im sure your riding your motorcycle in the sky

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Paul Rizzo

Steve always excepted Kevin and I and who we are together. He's always been fun to be around and I've only had one wild ride on his motorcycle. He will be sorely missed. He's left a big hole in the fabric of the Highland family and all of us, please rest in peace, Mr. Steve.



Mary Jo Weeks Kellogg

Steve will be missed at the Hardware, always very helpful. Thinking of the family during this difficult time.

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Shannon Andersen

Steve will be missed so much! He was so kind to Trevor at the hardware store and was such a fun guy to joke around with. We felt so blessed that Steve had become a part of Trevor's "village," and we truly appreciated his part in shaping Trevor into the man he is today.



Anne Gray

My thoughts and prayers are with his family. He was such a kind man and will be missed by many.

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Diane

So sorry to hear about Steve. He was my go to at the hardware store. Always helpful, always kind. So much a friend that I gave him George's flight jacket as a remembrance of two servicemen who served their country with pride. Prayers and thoughts to all his family.



Dan Heintz

Thanks!



MaryAnn Heintz Gardner

Steve was a good neighbor and quite a guy... he will be missed. Our love and sympathies to Kathy Highland and Kevin and Chad. 🙏🙏🙏



Dan Shickell

Sending thoughts and prayers to Kathy, Kevin and Chad!

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Jo Ann Rivera

Sending you love and prayers as you grieve the loss of Steve

**Tribute Store**

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JoAnn Rivera

My heart goes out to Steve's family and friends with deepest sympathy and love. May God bring you comfort and peace as you grieve the sudden loss of this kind and gentle man. He lives eternally now in the light, life, and love of God.

**Diane Rullestad Harris**

Steve was always kind and respectful when he helped me in the store. He was a good one, he'll be missed.

**Barb Ahlquist McDaniel**

Thoughts and prayers for Steve's family, always enjoyed Steve at the hardware store.

**Dianna Haley**

Hugs and prayers for family and friends! Every time I went to hardware store he was the one that knew where everything was!! Steve was friendly knowledgeable and great person!!

**Sheryl Black Birchmier**

Prayers to the family.

**Carol Eyanson**

Condolences to the family.

**Paula Atkinson**

Thoughts and prayers to the Highland family.

**Almeda Warner**

Steve was a wonderful human, kind and gentle he will be greatly missed.. fly high my friend until we meet again!



Kim Gibson

The line in there that we are bless to have known him. That is true how I feel. Mr Highland was a joy to be around. He loved his family hard. Love and prayers with you all in this hard time.



Karen Tasa Gunderson

Sorry for your loss. I remember working with Steve in First Responders. He was great to work with.



Jane Page

Prayers for Steve's family..?



Bonny Irish Borders

Praying for comfort, to the family. God's blessing to all who loved him.



Jana Ballantyne

Keeping you all close in our thoughts and prayers ?



Stephanie Kay Griffin Sayre

Our Thoughts and prayers to Steve's family. ?



Teresa Stoeffler Heck

My sympathy to all of the family. He was a great guy!



Helen Starbuck

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.?



Amy Vinzant

Prayers for all the family



Teresa J Haaland

Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.



Connie Hambly

Hugs and prayers to his family. 🙏🙏🙏



Marcy Hunter-Montgomery

Prayers to all



Bonnie Harrison Storey

Sending prayers and condolence to the family



Missy Sorem Bitters

Thoughts and prayers to the family. 🙏🙏



Jill McHose

We're so sorry for the families loss! He was a really great guy!!! 🙏🙏

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Highland

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Rasmusson-Ryan Funeral Home
& Crematory - Nevada
