



Steven K Spafford

November 27, 1957 - November 24, 2014

Steven K. Spafford, 56, passed away on November 24, 2014, at his home in Lehi, Utah, after a fearless battle with cancer. He was born on November 27, 1957, in Tooele, Utah, to Nelson and Enid (Webb) Spafford. He married Valynn Atkin in August 1982 in the Jordan River Temple. They divorced in 2001. They had four children together, Tyler, Jeff, Karlee and Nick. Steve later married Lesli Swenson on February 1, 2003, and gained five step-children, Kacee, Chad, Jeremy, Daniel, and Brian.

He was raised in Tooele, Utah, where his favorite early memories included playing Little League Baseball, high school basketball, and golf. After graduating from Tooele High School in 1976, he joined the Navy. In the Navy, he served as an Operations Specialist First Class, and finished his career as a recruiter. During this time, he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Weber State University. He retired from the Navy in December 2002, after serving for 26 years.

Steve's greatest love, besides Lesli, was golf. He could be found on the golf course nearly any day of the week, and would brave the elements to get in 18 holes. He made many great friendships on the links. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, and was always the "behind the scenes guy" who made every occasion special. Steve was a chef and loved to feed the masses. He was a devoted fan to the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs, but his all-time favorite team was the University of Utah Utes.

His greatest joy was his family. He was proud of all of his children. He looked forward to any event that would bring his family together. Steve went to great lengths to make those times special. He had a special place in his heart for his grandchildren.

Steve is survived by his wife: Lesli Spafford; his children: Tyler (Rachel) Spafford, Jeff (Alisa) Spafford, Karlee (Brett) Murray, and Nick Spafford; his step-children: Kacee (Mike) Bartholomew, Chad (Ty Georg) Cox, Jeremy (Jean Kelly) Cox, Daniel (Mallory) Morris, and Brian Gabbitas; his grandchildren: Adilynn, Luke, Paislee, Isaac, Sander, Kaine, Lucy, Mack, Hannah, and Alex; his siblings: Janeale Hager, Bill (Barb) Spafford, and Wayne (Debbie) Spafford.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents: Nelson and Enid Spafford; and his sister: Carol Parmley.

A viewing will be held at 11:00am on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Camp Williams

Chapel located at 17111 S. Camp Williams Rd., Bluffdale, Utah. Funeral services will begin at noon. A graveside service will follow at 1:00pm at the Utah Veterans Cemetery at the same location. It was Steve's wish that his services be informal and that dress be casual. He hoped that this would be a celebration of his life in an atmosphere of love and inclusivity for all the people who touched his life.

Steve's family would like to thank all those people who showed their love and support during his illness. It was such a comfort knowing that so many people were rooting for him.

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Events

DEC **Viewing** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Camp Williams

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DEC **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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DEC **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Comments



“ He was always so kind and I'll always remember the tender presence he had. He was a loving man, and I'll always remember the time he made me chocolate chip cookies and let me lick the spoon!

All my love,
Tanya Walton

Tanya - December 01, 2014 at 03:32 PM



“ My favorite memory was when we figured out we were both in Scottsdale visiting at the same time, staying at resorts only miles apart. Steve was so sweet, even extending his & Lesli's stay a few days, so that I wouldn't have to sit solo for an event. It made it the best trip ever & I'll never forget his kindness.

Amy - November 28, 2014 at 06:28 PM



“ I remember back in 1980 Steve and I were asked to help a friend of his first wife's to help get his airplane unstuck out by the Great Salt Lake. We took my Jeep and spent the night pulling and pushing his plane finally we were able to get him back to solid ground. We finished about 4:00 a.m.. The guy didnt even offer to pay for the gas. It was quite the experience. Steve was a real good man and I will miss him!
Ted Westover

Ted Westover - November 27, 2014 at 10:04 PM



“ I don't know how many tasty treats made with love by Steve I enjoyed in Lesli's classes. It was always such a special touch. Love to the whole family.

kelly merly - November 27, 2014 at 07:10 AM



“ My heart is aching for you Lesli and your family. It's hard to see the pain that you are going through. I am sending my love and prayers for you right now and the days to come. I loved hearing about how you both got together and that you got your, "crush" for 12 years. You can see how much love you had for each other. Forgive me for not showing on Monday. I am working extra hours with the other secretary gone for the Thanksgiving weekend. I'm sure that you have many blessing with wonderful memories that will keep you in much comfort in times to come and wonderful family and friends. Love you dear Lesli.

Julie Johnson

Julie Johnson - November 27, 2014 at 08:22 AM



“ I am sad that you have to go through this at such a young age. I guess we just never know when Heavenly Father will call us home. I am in awe of the love the two of you had for each other and the brave way you both fought through this journey. I remember you both fondly from school as two people who did not let anyone feel left out. you both did that for me. I love you both and I am thinking of you as you go through this painful time in your life. Steve will be missed and may he rest in peace.

Cindy - November 30, 2014 at 03:07 PM



“ Lesli: So sorry to hear about Steve. You two were great for each other and it was easy to see how much you love each other. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brenda Peck Perkes - November 30, 2014 at 08:56 PM