



Steven Howard Koch

November 21, 1950 - May 9, 2024

Funeral Service for Steven Howard Koch - Saturday, May 18th at 11:00am
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Steven Howard Koch died suddenly in a car accident on May 9, 2024 on the way to his service mission at the Lindon Home Storage Center in Lindon, Utah. He was born to Kenneth Howard Koch and Rhonda Mardell Agutter Koch in Salt Lake City, Utah on November 21, 1950 as the 2nd oldest of 5 siblings. Steven was raised in Holladay, Utah and graduated from Olympus High School in 1969 after which he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Gulf States Mission spending much of his time in Louisiana.

After his mission he attended college and worked at the nearby Dan's grocery store where, to his good fortune, he met Pamela Wilhelm. The two fell in love and married on June 6, 1974 in the Salt Lake City Temple. After a short time in Grand Junction, Colorado, Steve and Pam settled in Sandy, Utah where they raised their children and where Steve spent his career as a commercial property manager and broker. Pam and Steve ultimately settled in Lehi, Utah when retirement arrived.

Steve loved to watch BYU football and basketball games on TV, always giving all he had to try and help the team win. This included leaning sideways and backward on the couch in an effort to help a running back or receiver avoid a tackle, sticking out his tongue in concentration, and yelling coaching advice at the TV screen. The coaches rarely took his advice, but when they did he would sit back proudly and say something like, "That's right, throw it to the tight ends, I've been saying that all game!"

He never forgave the rest of the family who sided against him and voted to give away the first, burdensome, under-the-fence digging, family dog named Corky. He got his revenge by spending the rest of his life collecting dogs and filling the house with them. He could always be found relaxing on his bed surrounded by 2 or 3 protective, but snoozing, hounds who loved him unconditionally. They would follow him around, close at his heels, as if he had raw tenderloins dangling from his pant legs.

Steve was almost always satisfied with the material things he had, happy to live a simple life while giving to others as much as he could. He modeled the old saying, "use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without". He could be found putting pieces of cardboard in his shoes in an effort to "repair" a hole in the sole, preferring the comfort of the well-worn to being forced to shop for new ones. His wife will not miss that.

Steve loved funny movies. Some of his favorites were: National Lampoon's Vacation (the clean, TV version of course, and the Christmas production in particular), Wild Hogs, The Naked Gun, and Down Periscope. His laugh was so boisterous and infectious that everyone in the house would put down what they were doing in order to watch him enjoy the movie.

His greatest devotion in life was his faith in, and service to, The Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints. He served in many callings throughout his life including Bishopric counselor, High Priest group leader, Sunday School teacher, Scout leader, temple ordinance worker and senior service missionary at the Lindon Home Storage Center (where he was serving at the time of his passing). He will be missed by his family and friends until the day when we can again be reunited.

Steve joins his granddaughter, Mckenzie Gwilliam, and both his parents beyond the veil. He is survived by his wife Pamela (Wilhelm) Koch, his 4 children Troy (Molly) Koch, Heath (Amy Morrey) Koch, Tyler Koch, Tiffany Koch Gwilliam, his 10 grandchildren, and his 4 brothers and sisters: Gail Koch, David (Tina) Koch, Roger (Anita) Koch, and Sherrie (Boyd) Hansen.

A viewing will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, May 17, 2024 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building located at 220 W 200 S, Lehi, Utah 84043

A short viewing will also be held the next day, Saturday May 18, 2024 from 10:00-10:30 am at the same building. It will be immediately followed by funeral services from 11:00 am -12:00 pm.

Previous Events

Evening Viewing

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Lehi 1st Ward
220 W 200 S,
Lehi, UT 84043

Viewing

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Lehi 1st Ward
220 W 200 S,
Lehi, UT 84043

Funeral Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Lehi 1st Ward
220 W 200 S,
Lehi, UT 84043

Interment

MAY 18. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Larkin Sunset Gardens
1950 East 10600 South
Sandy, UT 84092

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Pam and family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. I have many memories of our families having game nights. Steve was always a calm yet fun and helpful presence. I remember him singing with my brothers and dad for my farewell to help them stay on key. That felt characteristic of Steve - willing to step in and support or guide so others' experience or path could be a bit better. I will miss you.
Much love to you all!
Jennie (Mansell) Sanders

Jennie Sanders - May 19, 2024 at 02:11 PM

SH

“ Pam and family, I was so surprised form Al and Cathy Espinoza of Steve's passing. Steve and family have always been such examples of living the Gospel. Please know of my love for you. All the Best to you all.
Shawn Hewlett

Shawn Hewlett - May 18, 2024 at 01:01 AM

SW

“ When my wife, Marsha and I moved into their ward in 2004 we started our friendship with Steve and his wife Pam which we greatly enjoyed for many years. It was a sad day for us when they moved away to Lehi.

Steve was zealous in his serving the Lord in any capacity he was called to do. He was always forefront in accepting service assignments in our Priesthood Quorum where he was also an engaging instructor. He was a powerful voice in the tenor section in the ward choir. And he served as a dependable counselor to me when I was called to be the ward mission leader. I will miss him.

Steve Wright - May 12, 2024 at 04:08 PM

AW

“ Pam and Family,
I am sorry for your loss and sending hugs your way.

Alana Olsen Wilson - May 12, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Pam, Troy, Heath, Tyler and Tiffany, Our hearts are broken after hearing of Steve's accident and passing. What a great family you have and we enjoyed rubbing shoulders in the 9th ward and being neighbors with you so much! We are grateful to know of the Plan of Salvation and know that we will soon enjoy our friendship and love with you all in the coming eternities. Our love and sympathy is flying to you over the miles. Laurel Lee and Kent Pedersen - Dallas, Oregon

Laurel Pedersen - May 12, 2024 at 02:18 AM

KH

Pam, don't know if you remember me or not, but Tony and I lived near you in Grand Junction. Beth called to share the sad news. Although it was only a brief time I remember both of you very fondly. We visited with you once in Sandy. Steve was such a great person I am sure his passing will leave a big hole in your family! Thank goodness for the Gospel and the reassurances it gives us. Hope your family is close to give you an extra measure of comfort and support. Tony passed away about 12 years ago and I live in Orem. My love and prayers are with you! Kathie Hatch

Kathie Hatch - May 14, 2024 at 06:18 PM

GP

Lanning and I send our love and hugs your way at this difficult time. I remember back when we were new to the neighborhood and found that holidays such as Thanksgiving can be quite lonely here when your family isn't nearby. When I mentioned this to Pam one day, she quickly invited us to join in on their family dinner. I will never forget the kindness you showed us that day and many more to follow. Love to you, Lanning and Gail Porter

Gail B Porter - May 17, 2024 at 10:59 PM