



Steven Wayne Paulson

March 16, 1954 - August 17, 2019

Steven Wayne Paulson, age 65, of Dassel, died Saturday, August 17, 2019, from the complications of cancer at the Augustana Lakeside Health Care Center of Dassel. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel with Pastor Douglas Johnson officiating. The interment of the urn will take place at the Dassel Community Cemetery.

There will be a time to gather with the family on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and two hours prior to the memorial service on Saturday afternoon at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Dassel.

Steven Wayne Paulson was the second of four sons born to Wayne and Gladys Paulson. He was born on March 16, 1954. During his youth he lived in Dassel and graduated from Dassel High School in 1972. Steve was baptized at the Evangelical Covenant Church and was also confirmed there in 1969. As a high school student Steve enjoyed athletics and participated in football, basketball and baseball. He even did some acting in school plays. In December of 1968, Steve was awarded the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award.

Steve graduated from St. Cloud State College with a Psychology Degree in 1980. He likes to tell how he “crammed four years of college into eight”. Steve worked ten years in the Mental Health Unit at Hutchinson Community Hospital. In 1984 he moved to the Minneapolis area and for thirty-two years worked the night shift on the Mental Health Unit of Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He retired in 2016 only because of health reasons.

Steve’s pickup or van was always ready for travel and camping. The road trips usually took him west, northwest or southwest. His golf clubs were also part of his travel gear. Steve enjoyed photographing the scenery of the places he traveled. Car repair was a hobby and a necessity for Steve. He would say his car had so much Great Stuff insulation it could float in a flood. There was always a smile and a story as he spoke about his Renault, Mazda, Rambler, Ford, Toyotas and the vans. His blue Toyota pickup surpassed 400,000 miles and was laid to rest at French Lake Junk Yard. Steve also enjoyed cooking

and good food. He gathered and shared recipes and gave recommendations for his favorite restaurants.

Among Steve's biggest fans were his nieces and nephews: Annalisa, Conrad, Kim, Nigel, Emelia, Dustin, Mitch and Shania. Birthday shopping trips, going out to eat, golfing, and hanging out with Uncle Steve was special. The Grandpa Campout each Spring brought out Grandpa Wayne, the four sons and the nieces and nephews. It continues now, 32 years later, with the great nieces and nephews included.

Steve was a good friend and was blessed with many good friends. He often shared the tales of adventures with Tom Melius, John Palmen, Pete O'Fallon, Shari Carlsted, Mark Warne, Sandy Tally, Brad Burch, and Steve Varland.

Steve is survived by his brothers, Tim (Candace), Mark (Danette) and Mike (Tammy). His nieces and nephews, Kim (Joe) Norman, Mitchell, Annalisa (Jason) Christensen, Conrad, Emelia (Nolan) Pitlick, Nigel (Michelle), Dustin (Jessica) and Shania. Steve was also adored by great nieces and nephews, Molly, Mason and Max, Parker, Paige and Peyton, Lilly and Claire, Mackenzie, Chloe and Ava, Sterling and Thomas. Steve is also survived by uncles and aunts, Cliff and LaRene Johnson, Stuart and Joan Johnson, and Annabelle Johnson, and a large number of loved cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Gladys (Johnson) Paulson and his paternal grandparents, Clarence and Florence (Frelander) Paulson and his maternal grandparents, Harry and Esther (Mattson) Johnson.

Cemetery Details

Dassel Community Cemetery

23526-23574 County Rd 4,
Dassel, MN 55325

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church
251 Lake St.
Dassel, MN 55325
office@dasselcov.com
<http://www.dasselcovenant.org/>

Time to gather with family

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Steve for many years and was thinking about him today. We had lots of time working nights to share stories.... His were always good. He was a comforting presence to patients and staff alike through his calm manner and insightful knowledge.

Greg Aakhus - December 11, 2020 at 11:29 AM

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“ Remembering Steve Paulson

Steve Paulson had what it takes to be a psych tech, which was cool . Not the kind of fab cool, but the kind of cool that spoke for itself. It's the kind of cool that said, we have things under control, I hear what you are saying, but if you let us help, things can be better. Working with Steve, you just got the feeling that everything was under control.

Steve had a smile that spoke to his confidence and brightened up any situation. I don't know a person that didn't respect and like Steve and enjoy working with him. Behind that smile he had a personality that would tackle anything, or conversation, or topic, in a thoughtful but clear point of view. He was fun just to BS with, and working nights there is more than enough time to get in a good amount of BS'ing. Steve was a great BS'er.

I didn't always work with Steve, he worked Adult Unit and I worked Adolescent Unit. I can't forget the night that Steve was working with me on the Adolescent Unit and at 3 AM we were jumped by three teens wanting to escape, they came over the desk barrier and we had a fight on our hands just trying to hold the ship and get help. He was the guy you want in that situation . He had your back and could handle crisis.

I mainly saw the work side of Steve, we didn't socialize outside of work , but with his smile and force of personality, he was someone you just naturally liked . I count him as a good friend and co worker. I hope this can speak to the loss and I will always remember Steve Paulson. Thanks Steve for the times ...your friend David SandAugust 24 2019

David Sand - August 25, 2019 at 10:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Steven Wayne Paulson.



August 23, 2019 at 03:09 PM

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“ Laurie Porth Bauck lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Paulson



Laurie Porth Bauck - August 21, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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I remember working with Steve at the MHU in Hutchinson. He always had a smile.

Carolyn Decker - August 23, 2019 at 09:09 PM