



Steven Lloyd Zoellick

July 18, 1951 - March 3, 2025

Steven Lloyd Zoellick, 73 long time resident of Huntersville, MN formerly of Elgin, IL passed away on March 3rd, 2025.

Steven was born on July 18th, 1951 in Elgin to Marvin and Shirley Zoellick. During his childhood he worked closely with his Dad, Mom and siblings on different farms milking cows, farming row crops and baling hay. He attended Hampshire Elementary and Middle School and later graduated from Dundee Community H.S. in 1969.

After high school he was drafted with the United States Army to serve in Vietnam and upon returning home, he swore that he would never cut his hair or shave his beard and later became known as "Hippie". Steve was an avid dart player, and at one time was involved in a dart league where his competitive winning side would show. He had a love of motorcycles and shared that with his close friend and roommate Bill. It was through Bill and his wife Nance where he met the love of his life, Mara. Steve and Mara were united in marriage on February 14th, 1981, and welcomed their daughter Stephanie in August. In 1985 they moved to Huntersville where they built their house together on 40 acres and created a small hobby farm with chickens, a cow and later horses. Hunting and fishing were some favorite hobbies and he would look forward to an annual fishing trip to Canada with some of his closest friends.

In the early 90's after various jobs from trucking to carpentry, Steve met Leonard and Margaret Rydell and started working for them maintaining and care-taking their property on Long Lake, and it was through them he met and gained more jobs on the lake which led to more friendships from Wes and Vivian, Randy and Deb, Brian and Mara, & Greg and Jodi, all of which he treasured. During his leisure time, Steve enjoyed riding motorcycle, watching NASCAR, fishing, playing guitar both solo and with some of his closest friends, Mark, Rick, Randy and Ben, and was always down for any kind of card game, board game, puzzles, especially brain teasers and any kind of practical joke.

Steve is survived by his daughter Stephanie (Clayton) grandchildren: Tristan (Katie), Aiden, Bri, Addy, Kendra and Mark. His Father Marvin Zoellick, siblings, twin sister Cindy (Colin), Roger, Mary-Beth, Scott (Kadie), and Brenda, Uncle Floyd (Ginny), Aunts, Amelia (Tootie), Arliss, and Carol along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Steve is preceded in death by his wife, Mara, mother Shirley, sister Patsy Lee, maternal and paternal grandparents.

He will be remembered for his unique jokes, exceptional sense of humor and absolute love of playing the guitar.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 26th, 2025 at the American Legion in Park Rapids, MN 11am to 5 pm with lunch to be served at 12:30.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Steves name to Gillette Children's at gillettechildrens.org

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL **26**. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

American Legion
Park Rapids , MN

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *RIP Steven. You gave me my first Cycle ride on your BSA when you were home on Leave from Vietnam. Ride safe and long on the Hwy in Heaven.*

JOHN - March 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM

BR

“ *To my eldest brother Steve, very happy memories from growing up to living close by in MN. Will miss your humor and you playing guitar. Ride those wings in the sky with your soulmate Mara. Love your baby sister Brenda*

Brenda - March 17, 2025 at 08:52 AM

DJ

“ *I remember Steve from Hampshire Junior High. Many years later I became friends with his sister, Brenda, and played on a horseshoe league with his dad, Marv. On Marv's 86th birthday I saw Steve for the first time since school. We talked for a long time and I made tentative plans to visit and do a little fishing with him in MN. Sadly, that never happened. My condolences to family and friends. R.I.P.*

Darrel Johnson - March 12, 2025 at 03:44 PM