



Steve Friedley

January 7, 1959 - February 5, 2022

STEVE FRIEDLEY

Steven Dale Friedley, age 63, passed away peacefully on Saturday February 5, 2022 at Milan Health Care Facility, Inc. in Milan, Missouri. He was born on January 7, 1959 in Liberty, Missouri to William Loren and Mary Katheryn (Carroll) Friedley.

He attended high school at Marceline High School where he met and later married his best friend and class mate, Maria Kathleen (Pope) Friedley on August 7, 1977 (she was nicknamed Kathy or Kath as Steve dubbed her). They were blessed with two sons, Justin Dale Friedley (12-2-78) and Jeffrey Loren Friedley (03-20-1984).

Steve is survived by his son Jeffrey; his five grandchildren, Justin's daughter, Kloee Diana Friedley and Jeffrey's children, Justin Dale Friedley II, Mya Ann Maria Friedley, Hunter Michael Davis Friedley and Jayden Miles Friedley; three sisters, Leslie Brown, Kaye Miller and Peggy Jones and lots of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Justin and his parents, William "Bill" and Mary.

Steve's loves in life were his family, music, work and friends. His wife Kathy was the love of his life and they worked hand in hand to raise their two wonderful sons and built a fantastic life together. He loved to cook and BBQ and was very good at it. He like to experiment in the kitchen which he was surprisingly very good at. He considered himself the "master chef". His cooking abilities he secretly passed on to both of his sons because both of them ended up being the "master chefs" in their households.

Steve always loved music. His favorite was classic rock and heavy metal though he did play country for a very short time. He loved it so much that he started teaching himself bass guitar in mid-80's and soon was playing the six string. He formed many bands over the years and played different local venues on weekends. From 1986 to 1993 he played lead guitar and vocals in the band ORPHAN with wife Kathy playing the bass while some of the other members came and went, they rocked on. Steve joined his band ORPHAN with United Entertainment Agency in 1992 which sent the band all over Missouri and out of the state on occasion.

Steve's work ethic and motivation was outstanding. There wasn't anything he couldn't do if he put his mind to it. He was a perfectionist. If you wanted a home built, you would want Steve to do it. He had a sticker in the back of his truck that said, "Do it right the first time."

He started out in the construction business like most young men, but before long, he was leading a team while working next to them. He always said if you wanted to get your team to perform you had to show them how to bust ass. His work career started with framing houses and move on to heavy construction jobs such as hydro power plants in Idaho Falls, Idaho to airport hangers for the Stealth Bomber at Whiteman Air Force Base. He helped build roads, bridges and homes. He worked with precision and super tuned skills.

In 1988, Steve and his wife purchased four acres from his parents and with a little help from family and friends, he build their big beautiful 1 1/2 story home with full basement working on weekends and between jobs.

Steve liked to entertain family and friends. He didn't know a stranger. He had a great sense a humor, friendly, outgoing nature.

His work and musical talent all ended in 1993 when Steve was hit by a drunk driver and he suffered a traumatic brain injury. Steve had the fight of his life but he fought hard with the help of lots of great doctors, nurses and his wife. After a year of physical therapy, he was able to walk again. He had to relearn what all of us take for granted every day. He eventually was able to clear land and build a 1 1/2 story 2 car with workshop garage on their property with a lot of encouragement and help.

He never regained his ability to play guitar but he talked and dreamed about it often. He took care of himself for 5 years until he had a stroke in 2003.

Steve's life was a roller coaster with many highs and lows. His family and friends will always remember his charm, his laugh, his skills and his voice. It is with the greatest respect and admiration his family gives to this man as he crosses the finish line. Our hearts are filled with sadness for we have lost a fine man but we also feel comfort for we see Steve dancing, singing and rejoicing in the arms of family members who have passed before him.

May God bless his soul and comfort him for he is in our Lord's hands now.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 11, 2022 at Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles. Burial will follow in Stover Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Stover Cemetery

300 S. Hickory St.
Stover, MO 65078

Previous Events

Service

FEB 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Tribute Wall

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“ *Teresa Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Steve Friedley*



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