



Stephen Ronshaugen

March 23, 1948 - April 5, 2014

Stephen (Steve) F. Ronshaugen, 66 of Grand Island died Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Tiffany Square.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Pauls Lutheran Church in Grand Island. The Reverend Edgar L. Schambach, Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in the Grand Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Mr. Ronshaugen was born March 23, 1948 at Webster, SD the son of Hjalmer and Josie (Aspen) Ronshaugen.

Survivors include his wife, Janet and sons and daughter-in-law, Robert Ronshaugen of Grand Island and Scott and Dr. Natalie Ronshaugen of Easthampton, Massachusetts, brother and sister-in-law, James and Mary Jo Ronshaugen of East Helena, Montana, and sister-in-law Judy Ronshaugen of Webster, South Dakota. He is also survived by his father-in-law Robert (Alva) DeMarais, and two brothers-in-law, John DeMarais, and Bob DeMarais.

He is preceded in death by his son, William; his parents; sister, Mary Christopherson; twin brother, Howard and nephew, Jim Christopherson.

Steve was raised on a family farm near Webster, SD and graduated from Webster High School, class of 1966. He served in the South Dakota National Guard for 6 years. Steve graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings with a BS in Agricultural Economics.

Steve was united in marriage to his college sweetheart, Janet DeMarais on February 20, 1971 at Aberdeen, SD. They lived in Sturgis for 2 years where Steve worked with Farmers Home Administration. He began his career with the Bureau of Reclamation in 1973 when they moved to Huron, SD and then Fort Morgan, CO. In 1977 they moved to Grand Island where Steve continued working for the Bureau. He worked in the areas of land acquisition and programs coordination before becoming deputy area manager in 2002. Steve retired in 2008 with 37 years of service. He then worked for the Nebraska Department of Revenue from 2009-2013.

He is a member of St. Pauls Lutheran Church. Steve loved to spend time with his family. Together they enjoyed boating, fishing, camping and traveling. He was an avid Nebraska football fan. He also liked to spend time at the farm in South Dakota.

Memorials are suggested to St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Ronshaugen*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Sandy Hughson purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Stephen Ronshaugen.*



Sandy Hughson - April 09, 2014 at 02:58 PM

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“ My deepest sympathies on the passing of Steve...the picture displayed here brings to home such wonderful and endearing memories. I can see his shoulders shrugging up, as he is laughing/chuckling about some mischievous scheme he has up his sleeve @ the office ... one that will send Fred Ore into a tail spin, when he realizes Steve got his goat!

It was my honor to have worked w/ Steve, as both the Deputy (DRD) & the Regional Director (RD) in Billings, MT ('94-'96;98-'04), for the many years he was working for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in Grand Island. Many a challenge we all had, with NE-KS water management and fortunately Steve brought a smile, a sense of humor and his home-grown Mid-western dedication to the table.

He is someone who always had my back, assuring he had me briefed up and ready for any difficult situation...I knew he did as much, if not more, worrying than I did about making the "right and best" decisions for the taxpayers, the water users, employees, BOR & the Country. A real gentleman with a female RD & oh, such a boy-ish smile that let me know this was one great guy from S.D.!!!!

Know I know Jaralyn Beek has a fun loving buddy up in Heaven....I can hear the roars of laughter now! And the two are in the hands of Divine Love.

Dr. Maryanne Bach - April 09, 2014 at 11:57 AM

BT

“ BARBARA TCHIDA lit a candle in memory of Stephen Ronshaugen



BARBARA TCHIDA - April 08, 2014 at 06:09 PM

BT

I WAS SO SORRY OF STEVENS PASSING. I JUST SENT HE A BIRTHDAY CARD,MY HEART IT HEAVY WITH SADNESS.STEVEN IS A GREAT PERSON LIKE HIS SISTER MARY, AND I MISS MARY, HOWARD AND STEVEN. YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS AND MY CONDELENCES. MY PRAYERS ARE FOR JANET AND FAMILY GOD BLESS AND I LOVE YOU

BARBARA TCHIDA - April 08, 2014 at 06:19 PM