



Stephen Arthur Whiles

May 12, 1948 - June 23, 2024

Stephen Arthur Whiles, 76, of Grand Island passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2024.

Memorial service and a celebration of Stephen's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 28th, at New Life Community Church, 301 W. 2nd St., Grand Island, with Pastor Sean Amen officiating.

Stephen was born May 12, 1948, in Denver, CO, the son of Louis Jr. and Philomena (Sealey) Whiles. Stephen received his Registered Nursing Degree, made a career of nursing, retiring in 2010, but fully retired in 2022.

Stephen never met a stranger. He showed grace, humor and kindness to everyone he met.

Those who cherish Stephen's memory include his wife, Johlene (Bogner) Whiles; children, David Whiles, Doug (Jamie) Whiles, Teri (Marvin) Engleman, Cyndi (Gordon) Sanders, Lisa (Ken) Freidt and Nicole Benzel (Kevin Stobbe). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Felicia, Christopher, Marise (Dylan), Taylor, David, Ashley, Jordon (Michelle), Brittney (Travis), Dylan (Alayna), Nicholas (Mandi), Bennett (Hannah), Tiffany, Cody (Queli), Jacob (Jessi), Madison, Hayden, Samantha, Bo, Ava of the Rockies, Antwan (Caitlyn), Gianna, and Dominique; and great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Georgia, Kamdyn, Eric, Haidynn, Trevor, Jackson, Harrison, Addison, Nevaeh, Marie, Bethany, Raymond, Jocelyn, Naomi, Malachi, Dietrich, Tucker, Oliver, Deklyn, Astella, Amelia, Harlow, Brooklyn, Gracelyn, Josilyn, Emma, Charlotte, Eleanor, Piper, Kooper, Max, Miles, and Amaya.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Joan Portman; and stepson, Mike Benzel.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

JUN **28**. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Life Community Church
301 W 2nd St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-5369

Tribute Wall

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“ Steve always was kind and full of humor. He was a wonderful person and a blessing to all who knew him. I have the fondest of memories of him and pray earnestly for Johlene and family during this time. May you find peace and joy in all your memories of him.

Kathi Day - July 02, 2024 at 01:01 PM

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“ Steve was such a a blast to work with at the Grand Island Veterans Home. He made the evening go by quickly and fun doing a very hard job. He was a great ,fun ,fair man. I am so sorry for your loss. The world is one more wonderful person short.

Charlene Lautenschlager - June 29, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ Uncle Steve was my Godparent and was at all my big ceremonies through life. He bought me my first C-D boombox, with the stipulation I couldn't play any of that " Country Music ", crap on it.

Thomas Mommens - June 27, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stephen Arthur Whiles.



June 27, 2024 at 03:33 PM



“ *Your FPS family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen Arthur Whiles.*

Your FPS family - June 27, 2024 at 03:33 PM