



Steve Gleason

February 5, 1940 - January 5, 2019

Steve Gleason, 78 of Grand Island, went to his Heavenly home on Saturday, January 5, 2018 at Edgewood in Grand Island.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM Friday at St. Mary's Cathedral. Reverend James Golka will be the celebrant. Burial will be in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Hastings at 1:30 PM on Friday.

Visitation will be from 4-7 PM Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the Grand Island Education Foundation.

Steve was born on February 5, 1940, in Norton, Kansas, the only child of Lawrence and Corinne (Munson) Gleason. He grew up in Hastings graduating from Hastings High School in 1958 and from Hastings College in 1963 majoring in Business and Sociology. He was united in marriage to Sharon Bassett on June 22, 1963. Steve and Sheeré lived in Omaha for a brief time where he was a department manager at JC Penney's. Wanting to impact children's lives, they moved to Kearney where Steve attended Kearney State College graduating with a degree in Education. In 1966, he began a 33-year career with the Grand Island Public Schools. For two years, Steve taught 5th grade at Starr Elementary before becoming a principal at Jefferson. While working for the Grand Island Public Schools, he attained a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska. Steve was a

principal at Jefferson, Stolley Park, Seedling Mile, and Gates before retiring in 1999. After retirement, he worked as a substitute teacher in Grand Island before becoming a supervisor of student teachers for the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Steve helped Sheeré teach Sunday School at Trinity United Methodist Church for over 30 years. They also taught ballroom dancing for many years. He was in the Army Reserves from 1961 to 1967.

Steve was an avid sports fan of the Huskers, Royals and Chiefs. He was an excellent tennis player and enjoyed working in the yard.

Steve is survived by his wife, Sheeré of Grand Island; four children, Steve and his wife Michele of Omaha, Scott and his wife Ondria of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Bob and his wife Mindy of Wichita, Kansas and Christy of Sioux Center, Iowa; and 9 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Samantha.

Online condolences may be sent to www.giallfaiths.com

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

Hastings, NE

Tribute Wall



“ Steve Gleason

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Dear Sharee and family,

My condolences to you. Steve lived on St. Joseph Street in Hastings and my family lived on Kansas Street, all on the 13th block back in the 50's and 60's. Back in the late 50's my friend Corrine and I were playing tennis at the tennis courts across the street from Steve's house, and he and his friend, Dan Stowell, came over to watch us play tennis.

After we finished the game they ask us if we would like to take a ride with them in Steve's car. (We were 15 years old at that time.)

Well, they took us out around Lake Hastings and brought us back.

Our parents found out about it and 'grounded' us for 2 weeks. A few months later Dan called me and ask me out. I had to decline

because I was not allowed to date yet. He called me back after I

was 16 years old. Long story short, Dan and I married in October

1964 and he was the 'light in my life'. Every once in awhile we would reflect on that event at the tennis court. My Dan tripped on an

uneven sidewalk across the street from our home here in Ventura, CA last May and passed two days later.

I know that God continues to watch over you and guide you all.

My sister Karen said that she had taken dancing lessons from Steve and you, Sheree!

What fun she had! Thanks for the memories.

Vicki Mousel Stowell

Vicki Mousel Stowell - January 15, 2019 at 03:01 PM

BW

“ Both Steve and Sheree impacted me significantly as a child. Him as my principal at Seedling Mile and her as my dance teacher. What a great family for the Grand Island community. He leaves a wonderful legacy and his impact will live on through all of his students. Keeping the entire Gleason family in my thoughts.

Bre Wilton - January 12, 2019 at 07:59 PM



“ Mr. Gleason you were a wonderful man! Whoever thought as a young gal a student in elementary school I would someday have the pleasure and honor of caring for you as a nurse.

I will remember you as my principal and friend who always had a smile and kind words to all, you were the best of the best! My family and I will never forget you as you were one remarkable man.

God Bless you & your family. Rest In Peace.

*Christina Salinas
(Jefferson All Star)*

Christina Salinas - January 11, 2019 at 12:33 PM

MM

“ Dear Sheere' and all the Gleason family,
Steve's leadership, concern, and thoughtfulness became real to my family soon after he arrived at Jefferson Elementary as principal. My mother, Sonya Miller, got to know and admired Steve greatly through their work together in the Jefferson PTA. When she died in January 1975 we asked Steve to serve as a pallbearer because we knew how much she respected him. At Trinity United Methodist Church, Steve and Sheere' provided to me an example of true devotion and care through our Sunday School class and many acts of kindness and support in every endeavor. Well done, Stephen, good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace.

Mark W. Miller

Mark W. Miller - January 10, 2019 at 11:10 PM

SS

“ Mr. Gleason was a Great principal at Jefferson Elementary and an even GREATER Person!! The last time we visited with Mr. Gleason and his wife, Sherry, was around 2 1/2 yrs ago at Wal-Mart North in GI. He remembered us and all of the Salinas Family. A few days later, a Card arrived at the parent's house on Broadwell Avenue in GI from Mr. & Mrs. Gleason. The Card stated how Happy him & Sherry were to have visited with us. What a kind and most sincere gesture. Thank you for your utmost dedicatation to the future of thousands and thousands of youths whom you have positively affected! Rest-In-Peace Mr. Gleason... You will be Deeply Missed---

Phillip & Nellie and Steven Salinas



Steve Salinas - January 10, 2019 at 08:18 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Gleason.*



January 09, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Steve's smile and kind demeanor will always be in our hearts. Thoughts and prayers to the Gleason family. Love, Scott Kathy Trent Jessica Angela Broers*

Kathy Broers - January 09, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sheere & family, We are so sorry to learn of your family's loss of such a great man, father and just a kind gentle man. After being in the dance programs at the Y, with Angie and Wendy, we learned to love him as much as we loved Sheere. We always looked forward to their "finality" dance at each dance recital. He was truly an unspeakable support at those recitals, for Sheere. We hope your memories and the love everyone has had for him, will help ease the loss you feel by knowing how many lives he has touched. Chris and Bob Peterson*



Robert Peterson - January 09, 2019 at 08:57 AM



*Sheere' and family,
Our deepest sympathy. Steve was a very kind and thoughtful person .
He always had something positive to say. What a great model as an educator for over 30 years.
We have many wonderful memories. Nanna and Gary Wieck*

Nanna Wieck - January 10, 2019 at 10:55 AM

LS

Sheere and family,

What can we say except we cared very deeply for Steve. His influence on me, Linda, has made me a better person. His positivity could never be matched. Even though he went through serious health problems he continued to be positive, encouraging and a great influence on me. So many wonderful things can be said about his contributions to the community of Grand Island. His life left a great influence in Grand Island and beyond.

*Gleason family, we are so sad and so sorry for your loss. Sheere, we haven't been able to make connections for the last few years. I will call you next week to have lunch with you. With love
Linda and DeWayne Schick*

Linda and DeWayne Schick - January 12, 2019 at 06:42 PM

BN

“*Mr. Gleason was our Elementry Principal and like so many others have mentioned he was such a kindhearted and supportive mentor to all of us students. Although I lost contact with him after elementary school it's great to see the other memories reassuring me that he never changed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.*

Brad Nietfeldt - January 08, 2019 at 11:56 PM

PA

Mr Gleason was my Principal at Jefferson and He was Very kind and Just Wonderful person in general..My Parents thought the world of him.My Prayers and Thoughts are with this Family..

PatienceCohen - January 09, 2019 at 02:18 PM

JC

Mr. Gleason became our Principal at Jefferson and has become a good friend, mentor, and advisor. I feel that he made a huge difference in my younger years and throughout my choices in my career. I welcomed every chance to see and visit with him and Sheree. Many of us followed his path in the Grand Island Public Schools and even more young children, teachers and everyone that ever knew him! I share stories of my experiences as a young student with Mr. Gleason and only hope that his family can share in the many many wonderful experiences we all had with this caring man. We all will miss his smiles and kind words of wisdom. Heaven has received a monumental person in Steve.

Jenifer Cook - January 09, 2019 at 09:22 PM

SC

“ Mr. Gleason was my principal at Stolley Park. He always had a smile on his face and greeted everyone he passed. You could tell he genuinely cared and created such a positive and safe environment in which to learn. He left a legacy!

Steph Carstens - January 08, 2019 at 10:37 PM

DH

“ Steve was my favorite boss of all times. He trusted us as teachers to do our job like we should, so we worked extra hard for him. He got me back into the teaching profession, and I was so blessed to work for him at Gates. He was previously my children's principal at Stolley. I was very fortunate to stay in touch with him and have breakfast with Steve and Sheree on a few Saturday mornings at the "Cow Palace". What an amazing team they were. He touched so many lives in such a positive way. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

Dee Hanssen - January 08, 2019 at 08:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steve Gleason.



January 08, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ my prayers and symphathy to all steve family he was my princpal at jefferson school he was such a wonderfil man had such warm smile he well be rememered loretta jessop james

lorettajessop - January 08, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Mr. Gleason at Jefferson Elementary, but one was in senior high school when I performed as Charlie Chaplin in a play in 1978. Mr. Gleason had cut out my picture from the paper and sent it to me with a very nice note (which I still have) saying, "Hi Mike, Saw this tall fellow & said -- that's our Mike! Hope the play goes well and much success for the future." And when my Mother (Shirley) passed away in 1997, he came to the memorial services. Such a nice thoughtful man, a truly great man. RIP

Michael Goehring

Michael Goehring - January 08, 2019 at 05:28 PM

RK

“ *Randall S Killham purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Steve Gleason.*



Randall S Killham - January 08, 2019 at 05:23 PM

AR

“ *Steve was an almost constant presence at the YWCA, there almost as much as Sheere. When I found myself facing unexpected difficult circumstances right before Christmas, they were the first people to reach out and offer support and encouragement, along with some deeply appreciated gifts. My prayers to the family during this time of grieving.*

Amelia (Spilinek) Retzlaff - January 08, 2019 at 02:26 PM

CW

Steve was always so kind to me and one year I dropped off Christmas cookies and mentioned how much I loved the Christmas piano music he was playing. Not long after I received my own Christmas Piano CD with a Wonderful note written to me expressing how much I meant to Sheere' and him. I have had thus CD for many years and it is the first one I always plan in honor of both Steve and Sheere'. Blessings and hugs of comfort. ❤️ Charlene Hansen-Webber

charlene Webber - January 08, 2019 at 04:52 PM

CW

Auto correct messed some words. This and play

Charlene Webber - January 08, 2019 at 04:54 PM

DE

“ *Sharee and family... My deepest sympathy and prayers to all.. I always enjoyed working with Steve at his school's media centers and the summer program at Jefferson.. He was the most kind and genuine person to all .. I'm sure you have so many special memories.. May God be watching over you.. Dee Ewoldt*

dee ewoldt - January 08, 2019 at 01:12 PM

MT

“ *Mr. Gleason was my student teacher supervisor. After he observed my teaching one day, he called my parents and left a message on their machine about how wonderful I did and how I was going to make an outstanding teacher. I am sure over he touched so many students in the Grand Island Schools.*

Meg Moellenberndt Trout

Meg Moellenberndt Trout - January 08, 2019 at 12:54 PM

SG

“ *My prayers and sympathy to all of Steve's family. I remember him from grade school at St. Cecilia in Hastings and a fellow graduate of the Class of 1958 of HHS. Such good friends in our small class at STC in the 50's . We all had such good memories growing up. Congratulation to him on the fine educator he became with a loving wife and family, Thinking of all of you - RIP*

Sharon Lovell Gergen - January 08, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ He was my principal at Jefferson Elementary and I loved him! He had such a giving heart! Also, I am a manager at McDonald's on State Street and his wife and him were regulars pretty much every day. I will miss seeing him smiling face waiting patiently for his coffee!! This community lost a great man!

Nicole Zabka-Brandt - January 08, 2019 at 11:48 AM

RD

“ Thinking of the family and the many memories of Steve as a very caring principal. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Rich Daly former principal in GI

Rich. Daly - January 08, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Margene and Bob Stueven Springfield MO.

Robert Stueven - January 08, 2019 at 10:52 AM

AM

“ To this day, I have yet to meet a person so skilled in kindness and support. -Alex Marsh

Alex Marsh - January 08, 2019 at 10:12 AM

KS

“ Mr. Gleason was my principal at Stolley Park elementary. Though I have many fond memories I'll never forget the time he helped me pull a very loose tooth when the school nurse wasn't there. Mr. Gleason was the type of person who would always meet students where they were at and ensure that they were always comfortable in school.

Kyle Stern - January 08, 2019 at 01:17 AM

LM

“ I am very heartbroken to hear this news. My deepest and heartfelt sympathy go out to his family. He was an amazing man. He always had a smile for his students. He was my principal for 7 years and was awesome. He will be missed.

Lisa (Williams) McCarthy - January 07, 2019 at 11:35 PM

JR

“ Steve impacted so many people through his kindness. He was a wonderful person.

Jeanna Randall - January 07, 2019 at 11:10 PM

TN

“ Steve was my student teaching supervisor. He always had something positive to say about everyone and every situation. You will be missed kind sir!

Tara Nettifee - January 07, 2019 at 10:06 PM

TR

“ I heard the news of Steve’s passing today. One of my kids called to tell me, they all remembered him the same way I do, as a kind and decent man who genuinely cared for the children and families he served as Principal for. I’m forever grateful that my children has the opportunity to know him, and to have him as a role model. God Bless your family.

Ty Romsa - January 07, 2019 at 08:45 PM

DF

“ He was such a wonderful man and principal of Jefferson school ! No one was a stranger to him and he always knew your name and had such a warm smile ! He will always be remembered !

Don and Shirley Farlee - January 07, 2019 at 08:22 PM

MK

“ Mr. Gleason was a great principal and an even greater man. He did so much for so many children in this community throughout his years! Thank you for being such a great part of our community and GIPS! I loved you as my principal and appreciate your love for education and people in general. You will always be remembered as one of the kindest and best!

*With Deepest Sympathy,
Marcy (Trosper) Krolikowski*

Marcy Krolikowski - January 07, 2019 at 08:19 PM

KR

Was a sweet man. I worked with him at Gates and my children had him and Sheree as Sunday School teachers. Such a kind man. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Rich and Kristi Ryan

Kristi Ryan - January 08, 2019 at 03:52 PM



Ramona
Mrkvicka

I have so many fond memories of Steve and working with him at Gates. The first that comes to mind is his kindness and support as I adopted my kids. Support when I needed it most. I also fondly remember he and Sherre hosting wonderful Christmas get togethers in their home. My prayers and sympathy to all. Ramona, Molly and Noah.

Ramona Mrkvicka - January 08, 2019 at 07:30 PM

WB

“ *Fond memories of a fine gentleman and caring Principal.
Wm A. Brown*

William A Brown - January 07, 2019 at 06:42 PM

GW

“ *Sheere and the Gleason, My sincerest condolences and Prayers to all of you! I remember you all with the fondest of memories!*

Gary Wilhelm

Gary Wilhelm - January 07, 2019 at 05:54 PM

J(

“ *I had Mr Gleason as a principal my sixth grade year at Stolley Park school back in the 80's. He was an amazing and fun principal. I remember being in his office for something (I wasn't in trouble) and he got me a can of sprite from the teacher's lounge and let me sit and hang out in his office after I got done with helping out. He had great ideas like the murals of us in the gym at the school (which stayed there for many years to come after we left). He always had a smile om his face and he was by far my favorite principal. He will be missed by many. Prayers to his family.*

Jennifer Wieberg (Long) - January 07, 2019 at 04:11 PM

LD

“ Steve was the best student teaching supervisor that I could have asked for! I am so thankful to have been able to work with him! My condolences to the family!

Lindsay Davis - January 07, 2019 at 02:14 PM

RK

“ One of the kindest, caring, giving, wonderful men I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. It started when I went to Jefferson Elementary. He was the principal and my dear Aunt Charlene was the secretary. Steve and his beautiful wife, Sheere', also were my High School Sunday School teachers at Trinity United Methodist.. Sheere' also taught me how to tap dance & soft shoe for GISH's 1979 production of "No, No, Nannette". He remained a part of our lives when Dad retired from New Holland and began working at Gates Elementary as a custodian....Steve was the principal there also. When Dad had prostate cancer surgery at the Mayo, Steve came by the house to advise us on what to expect as he had also been to Mayo for the same surgery. When I read that he wanted to impact children's lives, I smiled, because he truly has impacted mine in the most profound and lasting ways. Heaven has truly gotten another Angel, and I know his mind and body are at peace. God Bless You Mr. Gleason!



Randy Killham - January 07, 2019 at 02:07 PM