



Steve J. Simonds

April 7, 1966 - April 16, 2021

Steve J. Simonds, 55 of Columbus, formerly of Grand Island died unexpectedly Friday, April 16th at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM Friday, April 23rd at Resurrection Catholic Church in Grand Island. His brother, Father Thomas Simonds will celebrate the Mass.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday with a Christian Wake Service beginning at 7 PM at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designations.

Steve was born on April 7, 1966 in Denver, CO the son of Jerry and Juanita (Betlach) Simonds. He moved to Nebraska in 1972, graduating from Grand Island Central Catholic class of 1984. Following high school, he attended Doane College playing as a pitcher on the Doane Tigers Baseball Team. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration.

He married Lisa Goerl in 1988. This union was blessed with children Keri and Kyle. Steve spent his career working in sales. Most recently he worked as a project foreman for Hausmann Construction.

Steve enjoyed golfing, fishing, and hunting. He helped bring Pheasants Forever to Grand Island and served as President of the Loup/Platte Ringnecks in 1998. Baseball was his favorite pastime – one he shared with his son Kyle. It was that sport that always united them as a family. They spent most every summer traveling to ballparks. These memories will be cherished forever. When Steve wasn't attending one of the kids' sporting events, he

loved time at home with his family, playing games and cards, or traveling the world.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Keri (Alec) Anania of Grand Island and their children, Ellie Mae and Ava Grace; his son, Kyle (Hannah) Simonds of College Station, TX; his parents, Jerry and Juanita Simonds of Grand Island and his brother, Fr. Tom Simonds of Omaha. He is preceded in death by his grandparents.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 23. 10:00 AM (AKT)

Resurrection Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Steve J. Simonds*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *So sorry for the sudden loss of Steve. I always think of him with a big smile on his face. He and Lisa babysat our oldest son Cody when he was born. Steve called him Code Meister. He cared for him with joy and love. When Kari and Kyle were born I knew he'd love and be so proud of his own children. Loosing a parent is hard and much sympathy to his parents and brother too. May God grant you all peace at this difficult time. My love, Lora Buhrman*

Lora Buhrman - April 23, 2021 at 12:35 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

Jim and Gerre Kurtenbach

Jim and Gerre Kurtenbach - April 22, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.*



April 22, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.



April 21, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.



April 21, 2021 at 11:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.



April 21, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ *The Bio-Botanical Research family* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Steve J. Simonds.



The Bio-Botanical Research family - April 20, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.*



April 20, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steve J. Simonds.*



April 19, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ *Lori, Marc, Miles and Logan Hock purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Steve J. Simonds.*



Lori, Marc, Miles and Logan Hock - April 18, 2021 at 11:44 PM

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“ *Baseball in Heaven*

*A young boy that loved the game
Would always practice and never rest
Because he always wished someday
To play with the very best*

*Dad and son played together
Bonding with games of catch
Both together for love of the game
Which no one else could match*

*Then one morning the man awoke
To go practice with his team
And when he arrived at the field
Its grass was an amazing green*

*It didn't look in anyway close
To the way it was before
And his teammates were now all different
And there were so so many more*

*As he ran to take his position
His teammates caught his eye
They were all the baseball legends
That he was passing by*

*He thought how was it possible
That these greats were there to play
Because he knew that they were all
His heroes that passed away*

*He walked up to a player
Whom he knew to be Babe Ruth
To get an answer to what was happening
And he only wanted the truth*

*The great man thought the easiest way
For a young man who'd been playing since seven
Was to tell him that they were a player short
And he was needed in baseball heaven*

*The young man grinned with a child's delight
And now knew he wanted to stay
Because God granted him more than his wish
He could now play with the best everyday*

Tom Simonds, S.J. - April 18, 2021 at 09:47 PM



Very beautiful

John Epp - April 19, 2021 at 04:00 PM

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*I could read this all day long. It's so beautiful and fitting for Steve 🏆
Play Ball*

Pat Epp - April 21, 2021 at 07:50 PM