



Steven John Lankford

July 13, 1951 - January 26, 2024

Steven John Lankford, 72, of Evansville IN, passed away on Friday, January 26, 2024, at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

Steve was born on July 13, 1951 to John and Rosella (Primus) Lankford. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Marilyn (Zeller) Lankford; one son, John (Becka) Lankford; a daughter, Amy Lankford; stepson Brent (Beth) Newhouse; grandson, Isaac Lankford; granddaughter Rachel Lankford; step grandchildren, Ben (Kate) Newhouse, Josh (Michael) Hahn and Sierra (Kemny) Pierre; sisters, Beckie Deer and Connie (Alvin) Scheller; three great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his sister Marcia "Marty" Wildeman.

Steve was a graduate of Mater Dei High School and a life-long west sider. He retired from Bristol Myers, working in several departments, during his 36-year career. He also was the proprietor of Lankford Printing for many years.

Steve was a skilled drummer, playing many local venues throughout the years with the bands Clear Light and Borderline.

Steve was a decades long member of both The Olde Tyme Auto Club and the Tri-State Model A and T Club. Participating in numerous car shows, including

the Frog Follies, and tours brought him much enjoyment and pride. Those who knew Steve well will remember his passion for both cars and all things antique and that he was an avid collector of both - always excited to tell the story about his latest find.

He belonged to Simpson United Methodist Church, where he was very active in the Kairos prison ministry, considering it a fulfilling part of his life. His generosity and eagerness to help those in need endeared him to the many friends he leaves behind.

According to Steve's wishes there will not be a public funeral service held at this time. Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Tupman

Red Bank Road
IN 47720

Tribute Wall

BD

“ I sang with Steve in Clearlight and enjoyed our times together. So sorry to hear of his passing.

Belinda Kern Dillback - February 02, 2024 at 03:54 PM

ML

“ I worked with Steve @ Bristol Myers for many years. My deepest condolence to the family.

Marla Little - February 02, 2024 at 10:14 AM

DI

“ To Marilyn and the Lankford family, Thank you and Steve for opening your hearts and home to our Simpson Church small group over the years. Your hospitality and knowledge enriched our time together in so many ways. Our condolences to you, Mare, on the loss of Steve. We will forever remember those evenings at your home. Blessings. David and Becky Isley

David Isley - January 31, 2024 at 01:32 PM

TL

“ Steve was a life long friend and I always felt as though I was part of the Lanford family. I have so many memories of Steve and I throughout the years both wonderful and not so pleasant. We experienced life together. I will forever remember Steve as a great loving and caring man. My prayers to out to Marilyn and all of the Lankford family. Keep the drum beating upstairs my friend.

Tom Lewis - January 31, 2024 at 12:54 PM

JD

“ So sorry for your loss. Steve was a classmate of mine at Mater Dei.

Janie K Dennis - January 30, 2024 at 01:43 PM

PS

“ To Marilyn, and the whole Lankford family: There are never the right words to convey how very sorry we were to hear of your loss. May God give you strength during this difficult journey.

God Bless,
The Pat Singleton Family

Patricia Singleton - January 30, 2024 at 09:16 AM

CH

“ Steve was always full of life. I met him at MD we both were freshman. We kept in touch.
Rest in Peace Steve. Sorry for your loss Becky.

Christina Hillenbrand - January 29, 2024 at 07:56 PM

BA

“ Steve was a neighbor and a friend! Rest In Peace

Bobbie Ann - January 29, 2024 at 12:58 PM

GL

“ So sorry for the loss to the family. Steve will be missed by many people, he had made so many friends throughout his life. God Bless.

Gerald Lewis - January 29, 2024 at 12:12 PM

AS

“ *Many condolences to Mare and the family. Steve was one of the very best people I have met. He and his lovely wife are just the best. He will be sincerely missed.*
Aaron

Aaron sahlhoff - January 29, 2024 at 09:40 AM

BB

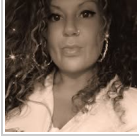
“ *Steve was a great guy and I feel blessed to have known him and been a friend. I will miss you buddy.*
Brad Bischoff

Brad Bischoff - January 28, 2024 at 09:51 PM

LK

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Lankford family. Steve sang at our wedding in 1971 such a talented guy. Enjoy the angelic choir & rest in God's peace.*
Sincerely,
Linda Paul Koressel

linda koressel - January 27, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ So very thankful to have been here in the end of his life & to meet his family & friends!! I've heard many, many great stories. Steve's soul was like... A Lighted, Pure, Genuine Kindness that touched &/or impacted numerous lives... With his passing, that Light has gone out but I know it will never be forgotten. Ever. I only wish I could have known him longer than I have. I won't ever forget him nor the time shared!



Prayers, wishes, vibes, hugs & lots of love to Family grieving. Don't hesitate to call, I am here. Love You. ❤️❤️
-Shay-

Sharon Barnes - January 27, 2024 at 05:54 PM

JS

Shay, you said everything that I wanted to say, so I'm just going to add on here a bit. I also came into this man's life, just near the end, to help with his care. And just the short time that I got to spend time with him, he made an everlasting impression on me that I'll never forget. Steve and Marilyn both showed their love for each other everyday, in every way. My prayers are with you Marilyn, John, and Jeff. These are the people that I got to spend a small amount of time with, that loved Steve. My heart hurts to think of your loss, and you all have my deepest sympathy. Such good people. It was a joy to be around you all. Especially Steve and Marilyn and Willie. We had some good laughs late at night. I'll cherish the memories and miss coming to see you all at night. All my love, Julie Stanley

Julie Stanley - January 27, 2024 at 06:30 PM

BN

Shay and Julie words are not enough to express our thanks for the excellent care and company you gave Mare and Steve both. You are truly wonderful people and our family is so thankful for everything you both did to help us through this journey!

Brent Newhouse - January 28, 2024 at 10:03 AM

BH

Sha Thank you so much. I'm so glad you and your mom were there and YES, my wife and I believe in Angel's

Buddy Higgins - January 28, 2024 at 05:26 PM

KF

Marilyn, I'm saddened to learn of Steve's passing. He was a great guy with a beautiful soul. He loved you very much and I know you loved him very much as well. I will miss our visits and pray that you have peace for the next chapter in your life. God bless you honey

Kristy Feagley - January 29, 2024 at 06:22 AM

DA

“ RIP Steve 🙏 One of the best friends a person could have. He was there to help me at a time of need when I first attended Simpson Church. His service to the lord by serving others was so great. My life is forever more blessed from our acquaintance . I'm sure Gods angels are singing well done good and faithful servant .

Duane Arnold - January 27, 2024 at 04:56 PM

CW

Steve was a very kind and gentle soul rest in peace, brother Chris

Chris Watson - January 28, 2024 at 11:27 AM

LM

“ I first met Steve years ago when he invited me to serve along with him on the Churches Embracing Offenders team. He had such compassion for helping others. I learned so much from him. I will always remember his big heart and that smile that twinkled. Rest in his arms, my friend. .

Lori Meyer - January 27, 2024 at 03:26 PM

PM

Steve , was such a kind a gentle man, now he is in the presence of our Lord and Savior, no more pain rejoicing and praising our Father.. many prayers for his family!!!

Pete and Vera McCullough - January 27, 2024 at 11:06 PM

RS

“ *Great, friend , I'm blessed that I got to know him. RIP Steve!* 🙏❤️🙏

Randall Scheller - January 27, 2024 at 03:15 PM