



Stephen Leweke

April 17, 1952 - January 23, 2021

Steve Leweke, 68, passed away Saturday, January 23, 2021, at Rolling Hills Nursing Home in Topeka, Kansas.

He was born April 17, 1952, in Kansas City, Missouri to Donald and Margaret “Peggy” (Osborn) Leweke.

Steve graduated from Topeka West in 1970.

At the age of 19, Steve suffered the loss of his right arm after a workplace accident but he persevered, earning a degree in business from Washburn University.

Steve’s love of sports also continued. He was an athlete in the Paralympics, winning medals in downhill skiing. He later became an avid golfer, a sport at which he also excelled.

While living in Lawrence, Steve volunteered for various charitable events, and especially enjoyed providing Thanksgiving meals to families in need.

Steve was known for his lively personality, active lifestyle and dare-devil spirit. Throughout his life he cultivated a large circle of friends.

Steve was preceded in death by his father and brother-in-law, Bill Henderson. He is survived by his mother, Peggy; sister, Terri Henderson; brothers, Jeff and Dan (Cheryl) Leweke; his niece, Amy (Stephen "Biz") Lambert; nephews, Jake Easterberg, Grayson (Samantha), Sterling, and Holden Leweke; and great-nephews William and Jack Lambert.

Cremation is planned. Due to the pandemic, there will be no service at this time.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Doorstep: 1119 SW 10th Ave. Topeka, KS 66604-1105, a partner of Crestview United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Cemetery Details

Mission Center Cemetery

29th and Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614

Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen Leweke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I knew Steve back in the 80 s. He was a bar tender for me at my wedding in 1985. I'm still married. I wish I had reconnected with him. He was one of a kind. I'll have to nurture myself with many memories of happy times*

karen clark. wielar - February 28, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ *"Share a memory"...where to start?
I met Steve when I was 17 while working at the North Star, 4 or 5 years later he asked me out. Our first date he took me to Bennigan's. I made the huge mistake of trying to keep up with him while drinking vodka gimlets.
We had so many fun times. Water skiing on Lake Perry, snow skiing in Colorado, Monday night poker games, concerts, Chiefs games and of course bar hopping.
When I moved to Florida I could always count on Steve to pick me up from KCI when I'd come back to visit.
Steve had a great sense of humor, his own "style", and he knew EVERYONE!
Although we last touch over the last several years I still think of him often. He's one person I'll never forget.
God bless you and keep you, my forever friend.
Much love to the entire Leweke family. I hope you find peace knowing just how much Steve was loved.*

Judy Madl - February 08, 2021 at 09:02 AM

DM

“ I knew Steve from high school and church. He was such a great guy and handled the loss of his arm with such dignity. And even though I haven't lived in Topeka for many years and hadn't seen Steve in a very long time, when I heard of his death I remembered all of the good times and laughs we shared. Sending prayers to his family and friends.

Debbie (Schafer) Miller

Debbie Schafer Miller - February 06, 2021 at 01:04 PM

JP

“ Feb 5,2021

Dear Peggy and family

Words say very little at a time like this, but when you know people are thinking of all of you, maybe helps. I was sorry to read of Steve's passing. I know you all have many good memories of Steve..

God bless you.

Jackie Campbell Petersen

Jackie Campbell Petersen - February 05, 2021 at 06:38 PM

LC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was a larger than life character! We will miss him! RIP friend. Mike and Linda

Linda Cowell - February 04, 2021 at 05:21 PM

EM

“ I have great memories from working with Steve at Lake Shawnee Golf Course. I'll never forget him asking if I knew how he lost his arm...he made the coyote ugly joke come to life. One night we drank with Hank Williams Junior's band on Hank's tour bus. The Bama Band played The Getaway the night before Hank's show in KC and Steve got us seats in the front row. This was the same year he drove a limo to the Super Bowl, with coolers of ribs for Derrick Thomas' Super Bowl party. I also played poker with his brother in law, Bill. I hope they are playing cards in heaven. RIP buddy.

Eric Miltz - February 04, 2021 at 03:02 PM

DD

“ It was with great sadness I read this, we had some great times at the Dutch Goose back in the day...it was ironic I was just telling my wife some of the 'storied' stories from almost 50 years ago.

God Bless and God Speed us all through these trying times and May Steve Rest In Eternal Peace and Love.

Dudley L. Dawkins - February 04, 2021 at 08:41 AM

TS

“ Had to love Steve what a great guy. Don't play golf with him for any type of stakes, he could con you into it, until we played on a windy day. You know what I mean Steve. God was in search for a good soul, you made it. RIP brother.

Tim Sommers - February 03, 2021 at 11:56 PM

BC

“ Just great man. Had so much fun. Steve all in for helping when asked . Will retain many best memories Lou E Kee !!

brian conrad - February 02, 2021 at 12:32 AM

ME

“ I remember how Steve loved to play pinball...He was pretty darn good at it...One time I remember he for over 8 hours...

Michael L. Erwin - January 30, 2021 at 09:38 AM

CR

“ Steve had a great humor and smile. I remember dancing with him whenever I had the chance. I'll Miss him.

colette roth - January 28, 2021 at 01:47 PM

MM

“ Steve was a loyal and loving friend. ❤️

Megan Morris - January 28, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Steve was a kindhearted, generous person. As a recipient of his kindness, I will miss him greatly.
Love,
Steve Malone

Steve Malone - January 28, 2021 at 01:27 PM

SM

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Steve Malone - January 28, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RF

I'm sad to get this news. Since the mid to late 1980's (not sure exactly what year it was when I first met Steve), first in Winter Park, Colorado, and then for years in beautiful northeast Kansas, I made a lot of memories and met countless new friends with this big guy. He was a very good friend to me, and supported and helped me with my music any way he could. He showed me around northeast Kansas a lot. We skied together, played golf together, ate, drank, and partied together. I can hear his big laugh and his voice in my head right now. He was a one of a kind, strong, fun loving personality. I've got a lot of good memories to keep. Rest in peace, my brother. Ronnie Fruge, Lake Charles, Louisiana

Ronnie Fruge - January 28, 2021 at 05:55 PM

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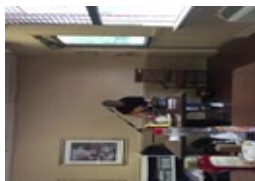
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Steve Malone - January 28, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ *So sad to hear this news! LOTS of memories from the Dutch Goose! :-(RIP, buddy, and prayers for your family!*

Danl Blackwood - January 27, 2021 at 09:36 AM

LP

“ *We loved "BIG OX"!!! Lots of great memories like skiing - snow and water, ballgames, concerts, partying and just hanging out! Never a dull minute when he was around! He probably knew more people than we've even met in our lives! He will be greatly missed! RIP. Marne and Lyn Haller*

Lyn Posey - January 25, 2021 at 11:56 AM

DC

“ Sending sincere condolences. I have many fond memories of Steve. His smile was contagious. I am grateful for my time with Steve ... and the memories of our shared experiences.

Dan Crow

Dan Crow - January 24, 2021 at 08:40 PM

DR

He was a wonderful friend! He is missed!

David Ross - January 24, 2021 at 09:09 PM

VS

Steve and I had a lot of great experiences together at Washburn and elsewhere in the 70's. He wasn't your typical leader, but he was a leader. I will always be thankful for our friendship.

Vern Shughart - January 25, 2021 at 10:37 PM

JO

I have many fond memories of swing dancing, snow skiing and hanging out at the Dutch Goose with Steve and his MANY friends. He loved life!!

Josn Oyler - January 26, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CK

Steve was a joy to know, he will be missed by his many friends.
Cinda Kunkler

Cinda Kunkler - January 27, 2021 at 08:40 AM

LE

Sad to hear. I'm glad to have been one of Steve's many friends. No bad memories here!

Luke Emmert - January 27, 2021 at 11:17 AM

BB

Have known Steve since high school he was a great guy. Sorry for your loss it is a loss for all of us.

Bill Best - February 04, 2021 at 07:32 AM

SB

We had a lot of great times - a good person all around. He will be missed. Dutch Goose days, 11th Annual Walnut Valley Festival and, yes, pinball.

Susan Bausch - February 04, 2021 at 08:00 AM

D(

So sad to hear of Steve's passing. He was a great friend to me and my brother Mike Dunmire. Steve was a joy to be with and knew everyone. We went to so many great parties in the country. He was a great dance partner, a great soul, so fun and funny. He was there when I needed a friend. We all called him "Big Guy". A legend - and I'm sorry I lost touch with him. Rest In Peace Steve💕💕

Debbie Garrison (Dunmire) - February 13, 2021 at 09:27 AM