



## Steven Dornbierer

January 15, 1956 - June 22, 2017

It was Steven's wish to be cremated. Farmer & Son Funeral Home will not be conducting any services.

Steven Paul Dornbierer was born January 15, 1956 in Orange Township, New Jersey. He passed away June 22, 2017 at his home near Davenport, NE. He had been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer in September, 2016. He was sixty-one years old.

Steve's parents immigrated to the United States from Switzerland in 1952. Steve grew up working in his father's greenhouses in New Jersey. After high school he earned an associate's degree in agronomy from SUNY Cobleskill in upstate New York. His family eventually moved to eastern Pennsylvania and after college he began to farm and feed cattle near his father's greenhouse operation there. In Pennsylvania, Steve met Penelope Colman, an Australian traveling in the US. They were married November 21, 1981 in her hometown of Henty, New South Wales. In 1987 Steve, Penny, and their first two children spent two years working as missionaries in The Gambia, West Africa. After returning to the US they decided to move west to farm. They relocated to their current property on the Little Blue River between Deshler and Davenport in 1989. In addition to farming Steve fixed radiators for a time and operated a plumbing business for eleven years. But his passion was farming. He loved figuring out how things worked, be it engines or irrigation systems, and was

happiest when fixing something for someone. He loved growing things and sharing garden produce. Steve's hope and comfort was in the resurrection of Christ and the promise of new life in the Kingdom of God.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Penny; four children, Jordan and his wife Aleisa of Sioux Center, IA, Danielle (Whigham) and her husband Ehren of Glenwood, IA, Becky (Jobman) and her husband Andy of Gothenburg, and Tina of Culver City, CA; six grandchildren, Gabe, Grace, and Ester Whigham, Jack, Henry, and William Dornbierer; his sister, Helen (Miller) and her husband Bob of New Ringgold, PA; as well as nieces, nephews, other family, and many friends.

Condolences may be sent to the Dornbierer family, 1584 Rd 5200, Davenport NE 68335. In lieu of flowers memorial donations are suggested to Helimission (<https://www.helimission.org/en/>) or Advancing Native Missions (<https://advancingnativemissions.com/>). They may also be made through the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ My dear Penny and family, I know the joy and sadness that comes when someone you love goes "home". So thankful you both stopped in when you were in the area. I've treasured that visit over these last months. I have a friend Fred Gimpy who goes to the morning prayer with Helen, and I was a little able to keep up with how Steve was doing through him. My love and many hugs to all your family. Dee Beurrier

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**Delores Beurrier** - June 30, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ I remember when we were neighbors in East Hanover. During the summer nights Helen, Steve and my sister would all play "kick the can". We could always find Stevie hiding on top of the many boxes stored in the garage. It makes me smile when I think about it. Carol Capasso

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**carol** - June 27, 2017 at 07:31 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Dornbierer.



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June 25, 2017 at 12:15 AM

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“ Sharing a memory of when he got a snowmobile and was taking us all for rides up in the fields he plowed. He stopped when we got to the top of one of his fields and stopped the snowmobile and turned and said to me...isnt this the most beautiful view? How blessed are we? You will be SO truly missed. Jennie Charles (Miller)

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**Jennie Charles (miller)** - June 24, 2017 at 07:00 PM

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Sharing my own snowmobile memory of Steve. I was about 19 years old when I came to Blue Mountain Christian retreat to work for about 9 months period I started there in the winter time I remember Steve taking us for snowmobile rides also period I remember he came to a stop on the hill, and when he stopped I slid right off the back of the snowmobile which caused that big beautiful bright smile of Steve's to show up and his great laugh to burst out. My other memories revolve around how much he loved the Lord and what a hard worker he was working on his farming and helping out at the retreat center. I know he will be sorely missed.

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**Dorothy Fabie Negash** - June 26, 2017 at 04:41 PM

LB

I remember when Steve built a canoe and me and Carol Gorsky and Steve went to the country club pool to try it out.

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**Linda Bartlett** - June 27, 2017 at 02:56 PM