



Steven A. "Harv" Rippe

January 24, 1961 - December 10, 2023

Steven A. Rippe was born to Clifford D. Rippe and Cathryn K. (Saum) Rippe Walters on January 24, 1961 at York, Nebraska and passed away peacefully on December 10, 2023 at Bryan West Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 62, with his family by his side. He was the oldest of the 3 children in the family.

Harv, as he was known by friends and family, grew up in Geneva and graduated from Geneva High School with the Class of "79". He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Geneva.

After graduation, Harv helped his Dad with the garbage route. He then started working for the City of Geneva. In 1991, he began working at Geneva Welding for Steve Yates and worked there for 20 years before venturing out on his own in 2011 and pursuing his goal of having his own welding shop. This had been a dream of Harv's since June of 2008, and to see it come true was very rewarding to Harv. A lot of blood, sweat, tears and beers were to be had in his shop. He continued running Metalworks & More until his passing.

Harv was big into the racing scene, especially NHRA drag racing. He was an avid fan of NHRA and followed John Force and his daughters among others. But his love for fixing things, remodeling or coming up with new creations to make, was a great passion of his. Whether it be fixing a car, truck or farm

equipment; remodeling his house or building his shop, they were a great joy for him and he took pride in everything he did.

Harv was preceded in death by his mom & stepdad, Cathryn & Kenneth Walters; grandparents, Emil & Martha Rippe, Cleetus & Celia Ruth Saum; uncles, Marvin & Dorothy Saum, Rick & Mary Saum, Leonard & Leona Rippe, Donald & Jerri Rippe, Wesley Rippe; aunts, Ruth Ann & Clem Gergen and Lynda Saum; and beloved dogs, Zeus and Sadie.

He is survived by his dad & stepmom, Clifford & Sarah Rippe; sister, Holly Rippe & Doug Fischer; brother, Christopher Rippe; brother-in-law, Don & Ann Fischer; sister-in-law, Debbie & Jon Petersen; aunt, Bonnie Rippe; nephews, Caleb Rippe, Ian Rippe, Colin Rippe, Cortlen Rippe and Camden Rippe; along with many cousins, friends and especially his beloved dog and companion, Roscoe.

A Memorial Service for Harv was held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. Kim Dunker presided over the Memorial Service.

The recorded selections “Dust In The Wind,” “Turn, Turn, Turn,” and “Free Bird” were played during the Memorial Service.

Honorary pallbearers included Tony Wurtz, Ben Pekar, Loren Stephenson, Jason Domling, and Dean Gerberding.

A Graveside Committal of Ashes was held in the Geneva Public Cemetery following the Memorial Service.

Farmer & Son Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements and online condolences can be left at www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
942 H Street
Geneva, NE 68361
(402) 759-3731
umc@windstream.net

Graveside Service

DEC 20 (CT)

Geneva Public Cemetery
Geneva, NE 68361

Tribute Wall



“ 22 files added to the album Flower Pictures



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 20, 2023 at 01:10 PM

PF

“ Petersen family sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Rippe



Petersen family - December 19, 2023 at 08:05 PM

DP

“ Deb Petersen lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe



Deb Petersen - December 19, 2023 at 08:02 PM

DB

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.* ”



Deb Barbur - December 19, 2023 at 04:49 PM

KJ

“ *Kobi Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe* ”



Kobi Johnson - December 18, 2023 at 11:12 AM

CR

“ *Colleen Leroy Rippe lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe* ”



Colleen and Leroy Rippe - December 13, 2023 at 05:24 PM

BP

“ *Ben Pekar lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe* ”



Ben Nancy Pekar - December 12, 2023 at 09:34 PM

BR

“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe*



Bonnie Rippe - December 12, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *George Jason lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe*



George Jason - December 12, 2023 at 02:26 PM

SB

“ *Sandy Rick Bolejack lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe*



Sandy and Rick Bolejack - December 12, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Deb Hinton Salmon lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe*



Deb Hinton Salmon - December 12, 2023 at 02:37 AM

SB

“ Prayers to the family. Steve was a fun and kind person to be around when we were younger. Rest in Peace.



Scott Bahe - December 11, 2023 at 07:51 PM

KT

“ Kent Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe



Kent & Rose Theobald - December 11, 2023 at 07:35 PM

LH

“ Linda Heinisch lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe



Linda Heinisch - December 11, 2023 at 03:35 PM

PM

“ So saddened to hear about Steve!!



Pat Mathiesen - December 11, 2023 at 01:12 PM

RN

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers for the entire Rippe family. Gone to soon.* ”



Rodney and Donna Norrie - December 11, 2023 at 01:05 PM

VJ

“ *Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe* ”



Virginia Johnson - December 11, 2023 at 01:03 PM

LP

“ *LaDonna Pendleton lit a candle in memory of Steven Rippe* ”



LaDonna Pendleton - December 11, 2023 at 12:53 PM

CH

“ *Sending prayers and thoughts to the family.* ”



Christine Harris - December 11, 2023 at 12:35 PM

LG

The Gerberding family sends our sincere thoughts and prayers to the family, so sorry for your loss

Liz Gerberding - December 12, 2023 at 09:17 AM

JM

Steve was the creator of the bench dedicated to fans and followers of the band, "The Undertakers", which sits in front of Jill's Sweet Shop in downtown Geneva. We are sorry for his passing, happy to have met him and grateful for his talent in making our project a reality.

JoDee Rust Mika - December 14, 2023 at 05:13 PM

JW

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jan Wood - December 17, 2023 at 01:47 AM