



Steven Miller

April 12, 1941 - November 27, 2014

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Steven John Miller, 73, died quietly at his home in Ivins, Utah, as a result of pancreatic cancer, Nov. 27, 2014. Steve was born April 12, 1941 in Lehr, ND, to Theodore and Ida Heinle Miller.

As a teenager, Steve spent his summers as a construction inspector for the ND, Department of Transportation. After high school, he attended Bismarck Junior College and NDSU, graduating in 1963 with a degree in mechanical engineering. Steve proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964-68, being honorably discharged at the rank of Captain. While in the service, he worked in the Logistics Command for the Titan II Missile System. He was finally able to see one these missiles up-close last year at a decommissioned silo in Arizona.

In 1964, Steve married the “love of his life,” Jessica Rehn. They welcomed their first child, John, the following year. Upon leaving the Air Force, Steve and his family moved back to North Dakota, where he returned to work for the DOT in the Bridge Division. Steve and Jessica welcomed daughter, NonaMarie, in 1970. He and Jessica ran Steve’s Camera Repair for 13 years. Steve was a proud member of the American Legion (47 years) and the Elks (29 years). He also performed with the Governaires Drum and Bugle Corps, was an avid bowler, and loved camping and traveling with his family. He retired as the state bridge engineer in 1998.

Upon retirement, Steve and Jessica built their dream home in Ivins at the

base of the Red Mountain they both loved. Steve was an avid reader, loved watching old movies, working on the car, playing pinochle and watching baseball. He also delighted in weekend trips to Laughlin and Las Vegas. Steve and Jessica made many new friends in Utah. He always said his life here felt “like home.”

In 2008, Steve was diagnosed with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia. While the disease drained him of his energy, his appetite and his eyesight over the years, he was in remission at the time of his death.

Steve and Jessica celebrated their 50th anniversary this year with a cruise to Alaska in August. Then in November, after living with agonizing pain for months – Steve was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He was amazed, the last two weeks of his life, at how many people came by to see him. He kept saying, “All these people are telling me what a great guy I am.” Truly – he did not realize how highly regarded he was.

Steve is survived by: his wife, Jessica of Ivins; his son, John (Fran), of Lincoln; his daughter, NonaMarie (David Wilcox), of Ivins; his sisters, Phyllis Schweigert and Marvel Dahlke, both of Bismarck, and MaryBeth (Karmen) Bertsch, of Jamestown; his brother-in-law, Lawrence (Pam) Rehn, Mandan; his mother-in-law, Helen Rehn, of Bismarck; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and grandchildren. Steve also wanted to recognize his extended families in Fargo, and Twin Valley, Minn., who always made him feel like the best “Dad” and “Grandpa” ever.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 11:00 a.m., at the Serenity Funeral Home, 1316 S. 400 E., St. George, Utah. A service in Bismarck is pending.

Friends and family are invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com Arrangements are under the direction of Serenity Funeral Home of Southern Utah, 435-986-9100.

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“ Greetings from Arlene and Myron Schopp. We received the news from Arlene's brother, Duane Aman, and would like to add our condolences. I have many memories of our days together in Lehr High School. Some are of sports, some are of classes, some are of the VW that got over - hauled, some of enjoying huge malts at the cafe and the many fun things 'the boys' did together. We were saddened by the news about Steve. God bless and keep you in His care during this difficult time.
Myron and Arlene

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