



Steven Wayne Walentoski

November 21, 1968 - December 15, 2020

Steven Wayne Walentoski, age 52, of Yuma, AZ, formerly of this area, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, in Yuma Regional Hospital, in Yuma, AZ.

Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec.23, 2020, in Success Baptist Church, under direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow in Old Success Cemetery.

Visitation will be from Noon until 2p.m. service time Wednesday in the church.

He is survived by his mother, Bonnie Morris of Houston, MO; his siblings, Janet Harkless of Lufkin, TX, Bobbie McGhee of Florence, AZ, Paul McGhee of Waynesville, MO, Don McGhee of Waynesville, MO, and Laura Whiteman of Fishers, IN; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

A memorial contributions can be made in memory of Steven Walentoski and may be left at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent at www.memorialchapelsandcrematory.com

Cemetery Details

Old Success Cemetery

Success Road
Success, MO 65570

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Success Baptist Church
Hwy. 32
Success, MO 65570

Service

DEC **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Hwy 32
Success, MO 65570

Tribute Wall



“ *Steven Wayne Walentoski*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *A lot of the people that used to work with Steven at DFAS Lexington just found out about his passing. I am very heartbroken to hear this very sad news. Steven was very smart, he was a very good writer and professionally great to work with. I have always thought a lot of him and loved him dearly. I am so sorry for the families loss, he talked a lot about his sister. God speed Steven I will always remember you fondly. ❤️*

Janet Pearson - February 18, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Linda Freeman lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Walentoski*



Linda Freeman - December 23, 2020 at 11:21 PM

TG

“ Steve and I were friends for 40 years meeting at Reed Junior High. I remember he slept through Algebra class and aced the tests (he had learned it on his own at home and slept because he was bored!). We played football together and had many classes together at Hillcrest. He was one of the few classmates I stayed in contact with after high school (maybe because we both lost our younger brothers or maybe we just liked each other). He was the only one from high school who attended my graduation from MU. And of course I proudly attended his graduation from SMS. We kept in contact with each other through the years, never getting to see each other as much as we would have liked, but we would always call or text Happy Birthday to each other. He would always start every conversation with “Hey little buddy” and end each with “love ya brother”. He always asked how my dad was. Steve’s personality was always bigger than life. He’d tell jokes rapid fire, hilariously imitate Richard Pryor’s Mudbone character, and make fun of everyone - including me! I’d say he was a sports fanatic. Loved the Lakers, Don’t know how many baseball stadiums he had been to other than a lot. He could tell you who played in each of the Super Bowls, who won, and most the time the score. His memory was unbelievable. He was a world traveler. He was always go, go, go, not sleeping much (didn’t want to miss anything). Every time I asked him about being tired or not getting or needing to sleep, he always answered, “I’ll sleep when I’m dead.” So it goes.
Love ya brother.

Tony Gott

Tony Gott - December 22, 2020 at 09:31 PM

GS

The 1984 State Champion Hillcrest High School varsity boys basketball team was beyond fortunate to have Steve as team manager during this memorable era of Hillcrest history. Steve did everything asked of him and more to enable the Hornets to prosper.

Steve needed a place to stay on a couple of occasions while serving as manager & our family welcomed him into our home where he was always a gracious house guest.

Steve served his country in the US Army & graduated from Missouri State.

While in the service Steve purchased US Army jackets for Brian Stanfield & myself. Still have the jacket & wear it proudly always explaining the source when someone asks if I was in the service.

Steve was a special young man who will be missed by anyone who truly knew him.

RIP Steve

Gary Stanfield - December 23, 2020 at 09:44 PM

SS

“ I am saddened to hear of Steve's passing. I have great memories of and with him that I will cherish forever. He taught me many things about life and love, took me on my first trip on an airplane, and to great cities for adventures. To me he will always remain intelligent and stubborn, handsome and charming, witty and warm, and gone too soon. My condolences to all his friends and family. My thoughts are with you.

Susie Smart - December 22, 2020 at 06:02 PM

PG

“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons sent a virtual gift in memory of Steven Wayne Walentoski*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - December 22, 2020 at 01:53 PM

LM

“ *Liane Marcum lit a candle in memory of Steven Wayne Walentoski*



Liane Marcum - December 22, 2020 at 07:44 AM