



Helen (Steinich) LeBarron

February 5, 2014

LeBarron, Helen (nee Steinich) age 80, of Edina, MN, died peacefully on Feb. 5, 2014. She lived a long and happy life surrounded by her husband, Richard; daughter, Susan; son, Steve; daughter-in-law, Katy; grandson, Sam; family, friends and cats. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at University of Wisconsin-Madison and a member of the University of WI Orchestra and played the bassoon. Memorials preferred to Charlie's Place in Dumont, CO. Visitation 2-3 PM Sunday, Feb. 9 with Memorial Service at 3 PM Sunday at: www.Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Whilst I didn't know Helen, I was fortunate to know Steve through my husband's work in the USA, and also Katy, and therefore we know that Helen was a special lady. Steve was such a smart, fun-loving and genuine man who adored his family, and Katy is an amazing and inspirational woman who clearly thought the world of Helen - high praise indeed. Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Jenn and Wayne xx

Jennifer and Wayne Kershaw - February 14, 2014 at 02:50 PM

KW

“ I met Helen up at Katy and Steve's river house. She was a kind woman who loved her family dearly and so enjoyed staying connected with them. And she did a wonderful job raising her children because Steve was one heck of a great guy.

-Katie Wheeler

Katie Wheeler - February 10, 2014 at 05:42 PM

GF

“ We are so sorry for your loss. While we did not know Helen, we enjoyed hearing stories about her from Steve and Katy. We are grateful for the many fun memories we have up at their "compound" in Wisconsin during the 90's. We loved hearing Steve and Katy talk about how smart, witty and caring she was. We understand she had a very sharp mind and was brilliant with crossword puzzles. Sending God's comfort to you during this time. Love, The Giovannelli's

Giovannelli Family - February 10, 2014 at 02:52 PM

KS

“ I didn't really know Helen, but I met her at a very difficult time for a mother - during the loss of a child, her son, Steve. Helen was genuine, graceful, and giving of others. She had a positive attitude about death and shared her belief that she would be reunited with her beloved family and friends for eternity. So this is not good-bye, but so-long until we meet again, Helen.

Katie Shinnick

kathryn shinnick - February 10, 2014 at 12:05 PM

SG

“ helen was always nice to me, one senses this was her every day being.if only we could all start the day like this.....that's a pretty neat legacy.

steve gramling - February 10, 2014 at 08:42 AM

RB

“ My Thoughts and Prayers are with the LeBarron family at this time of loss. I enjoyed meeting/seeing Helen on a few occasions, most recently at the MnATSA conference when the LeBarrons came to support Katy as she received a much deserved professional service award. I took this family photo on that special day. Katy spoke of Helen often and I'm sure her beautiful smile will be remembered by all who knew her. May God Bless your hearts with wonderful memories.

Robin Goldman



Robin Beckman - February 10, 2014 at 12:11 AM

MG

“ Our hearts go out to the LeBarron family today.
Our friend Steve used to tell us about his mom , how she was smart
and intelligent. He always spoke with such admiration for her.

Our thoughts are with you in this time of sadness and loss.

Malcolm & Cathy Gordon - February 09, 2014 at 11:21 AM

MA

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Helen once at the River House--a
lovely woman with a lovely, caring, and warm family. Please accept
my condolences on the loss of your beloved Helen.

Mary Underhill, friend of Katy's

Mary - February 08, 2014 at 08:21 PM

CP

“ There are no words however heartfelt that can ease your sorrow at
this difficult time, especially when you lose your dear wife and best
friend of many years may it strengthen you and the family to realize
that those who care for you are close in heart. Please read Psalm
34: 17-19 John 5: 28, 29 Jesus spoke of a resurrection hope that
bring comfort to all mankind when god will wipe out every tear from
their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor pain
the former things have passed away.

cynthia penny - February 08, 2014 at 11:43 AM

DT

“ I met Helen briefly at Steve's funeral and back at Katy and Steve's house. She made me feel part of the family and we immediately enjoyed a long conversation that ranged over all sorts of things. She projected a feeling of absolute calm, and quiet humorous interest in everything and everyone around her. Her dignity and grace at that time of such sadness was an inspiration.
I am happy to hear that her passing was peaceful, and sad that I didn't know her for longer. I was also fortunate to have had a chance to meet Steve's sister. Helen and Dick raised two exceptional children.

David Taylor - February 07, 2014 at 12:58 PM

NK

“ I met Helen after a triathlon that I did with Katy, Steve, and Sam. After the race, Steve was having some problems with his feet and Helen was determined to drive back out to the river house to get him some pain relievers. It struck me how much she cared for her son and how fixated she was on making him feel better. Clearly this is an attribute that she and her husband have been able to pass down through their family and a quality that I wish to instill in my own.

Nik Tatro, Friend of Katy - February 07, 2014 at 12:55 PM

SK

“ I love Helen's stories of shenanigans that took place while playing in the band or in her sorority. I think she would have been fun to hang out with in college!

She is one of the most energetic, articulate, witty and decisive people I have ever know. Her sense of curiosity and adventure always spurred interesting conversation - and she's a darn good Jeopardy player!

One of my favorite images of Helen is sitting on the wooden stool in Katy's kitchen with a glass of red wine in her hand, pontification on any number of topics! She was a fount of information.

It was always interesting trying to figure out what "Steve-ism" came from Dick and which ones' from Helen. I think he got his straight-forward, no baloney, tell-it-like-it-is nature from Helen - and his laugh.

Glad that the angles will get to enjoy her great laugh and sense of adventure while you remember. Sending a shower of Blessings to you!

Sue Krautkramer - February 07, 2014 at 12:31 PM

SB

“ *May god rest Helen's beautiful soul.*

SBennecke - February 07, 2014 at 12:16 PM

SU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sue - February 07, 2014 at 12:15 PM

SK

Dick, Helen, Katy, Steve and Sam in front

Sue Krautkramer - February 08, 2014 at 12:02 PM

AB

“ *I have gotten to know Helen better and deeper since Steve's death due to more time spent up in Edina. I always enjoyed visiting with both Helen and Dick since they are wonderful conversationalists and have an interest in sharing their trove of experiences and reflections. I am coming up to Edina in two weeks and one of my first thoughts was I would be able to see the LeBarrons again. How truly sorry I am not to be able to see Helen. I will miss her presence and personality. Heaven is fortunate to have her.*

Anne Blom

Anne Blom - February 07, 2014 at 11:39 AM

HW

“ I have a great memory of taking Steve's mom and dad out for a boat ride on Lake Minnetonka about 10 years ago when they were in town for a visit. Steve's mom was so interested in all of the stories and history of the lake and of the estates and homes we pass on our ride. I remember her as a smart, interested, and interesting woman. She will certainly be missed. We're sorry for your loss.

Heidi Westlind and family

Heidi Westlind - February 07, 2014 at 11:03 AM

JC

“ Her eyes & smile said it all-kind in every way. Thank you Helen for being so wonderful to all of us.

John Cummings - February 07, 2014 at 08:04 AM

JC

“ How do we mark our days? What impression do we make on those around us? What do we leave behind when we leave this Earth?

I am in the odd position of not knowing Helen. I believe that I met her at her dear son, Steve's, funeral. So what do I know? What do I know about Helen?

I know that Steve was a man who loved his family, who treasured his son, who built his life around his incredible wife. I know that he looked forward to spending time with his parents simply because he loved them, too, and enjoyed the time they shared together. I know that going to the family cabin was special because it WAS the family cabin, because it was a memory box full of delights and laughter, because family was the foundation for his life. I know that honesty, integrity, trustworthiness and eternal optimism were in his DNA. I know that for many, and for Katy and Sam most of all, he was simply the best friend that anyone could ever have. When Steve died, he went much too soon, but he died a happy man with a full heart.

A good man is a reflection of his world, a walking history book of his roots, a dynamic sum of the paths he took and of the paths his parents took. So while I didn't know Helen, I knew Steve a little, and so think I knew some parts of her very well indeed.

John Currie

May you in tears remember joy.

May you in grief look to God.

May you in God feel His grace.

John Currie - February 06, 2014 at 11:30 PM