



Jerry Lee Steffan

August 9, 1953 - July 2, 2024

With broken hearts we announce the passing of Jerry Lee Steffan. Jerry died Tuesday, July 2nd due to a brain bleed. Jerry has lived in Champlin, MN for the last 30 years.

Jerry was born in Devils Lake, ND on August 9, 1953 to Alberta and Leo Steffan.

Early in Jerry's life they moved to Fargo. Jerry graduated from South High School in 1971 and went on to Wahpeton State School of Science to study Architectural Drafting. He married Jana Blakeway on February 14, 1976. After a short time in Bismarck they moved back to Fargo. Jerry worked for Treibwasser, Helenski, & Associates. In April 1994 Jerry accepted a job with Cuningham Group Architecture in Minneapolis and was with them until his retirement in December 2023. Jerry had the opportunity to work on many amazing projects in his life including the Fargodome and for the last 20 years he had been on the Epic Software campus project in Verona, WI.

Jerry leaves behind his wife Jana of 48 years, son Jeremy (Plymouth, MN), son Janson (currently attending Seminary in Evanston, IL), daughter Joslin (Cory) Shannon (Orono, MN), grandson William Marohl-Steffan (Navy Active Duty, South Carolina), granddaughter Josephine Shannon, grandson Crew Shannon, sister Kathy Steffan (Fargo), aunt Angie Pederson, (Fargo) along with many cousins and friends. He also leaves behind his dog Roxie who will

always be waiting for him to come through the door again.

Jerry's Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 12th at
Washburn-McReavy
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
Coon Rapids, MN

Visitation: 1:00 - 2:00

Service: 2:00

Please dress casual.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Chapel Service

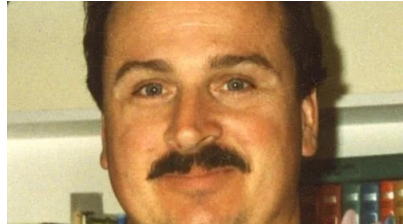
JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Chapel Service for Jerry Lee Steffan in memory of Jerry Lee Steffan



Washburn-McReavy - July 10, 2024 at 12:27 PM

KB

Thank you for making Jerry's memorial service available to watch via livestream. Janson did a wonderful work. Jerry was a special one-of-a-kind man. 💜

Karen Beard - July 21, 2024 at 02:18 PM

JO

“ My condolences to Jerry's family.

I went to Junior and High School with Jerry. Jerry was 1st Chair Trumpet and I had a chair next to him. He excelled at it because he worked hard to be good at it, not one was taking the 1st chair from him.

We did drafting together at South High, we both were very good at it, and worked on projects together.

He was such a nice guy, so well liked and fiends with many. I enjoyed growing up with Jerry.

Jim O'Day

Jim ODay - July 16, 2024 at 03:36 PM

TH

“ I an sorry to hear of Jerry’s passing. Growing up, we lived a block away, across from Agazzi. I haven’t lived in Fargo for over 50 years but one never forgets certain parts of growing up. It’s kind of weird, about 3 weeks ago I was telling my wife about Jerry. I had my Spotify ‘This is the Monkees’ playlist playing while we were on a road trip. I told her about how Jerry had a homemade drum set in his basement. Old ice cream pails, buckets and various other cylindrical hollow items were used and put together to produce a good and proper bashing. And what did he bash to? The Monkees of course. Two songs stand out in my memory because of the percussion parts. SHE and MARY MARY, both from the second Monkee’s release, More of the Monkees. Check them out, see if you can see your husband, father and grandfather pounding out a beat on a bunch of upside-down ice cream pails as I critiqued. I can and have for many years every time I hear those songs. Looking back now I see how our futures were being formed in that basement. He as a designer/musician and me as a music advisor/promoter. I am truly sorry for your loss. Tom Hanley

Tom Hanley - July 14, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TH

I AM sorry.

Tom Hanley - July 14, 2024 at 11:34 AM

JS

Thank you for the memories! Jana

Jana Steffan - July 14, 2024 at 05:05 PM

BE

Jana I am so very sorry for your loss. Hugs to you and your family.

Becky - July 18, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



July 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ *Citi team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Steffan.*

Citi team - July 11, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ *Jana and family, we were so sorry to learn of Jerry's sudden death. Praying for you as you go through this difficult time. Hold tight to your wonderful memories. Peace be with. Ken and Diane Rheault*

Diane Rheault - July 11, 2024 at 01:56 PM



Thank you

Jana Steffan - July 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM

SM

“ Dear Jana and family of our old friend Jerry. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Several old architect friends from long ago have been exchanging favorite memories of what a good man Jerry was. I worked with Jerry in Bob Mutchler's architectural sweatshop in the basement of the Eldon Apartments in 1974-75, just before he and Jana were married. (My goodness, it was 50-years ago!) Jerry is remembered as hardworking and capable, and much more than a draftsman. He really knew about putting buildings together, and as the memorial tributes acknowledge, he knew about taking care of co-workers and having a little good-natured fun under the pressures of a challenging job.

In the old days he was a chain smoker and a serious, spirited trumpet player with lots of energy. I was remembering Jerry's MonteCarlo with a hood longer than anything I've ever driven. Then I saw the tribute photo of him with the customized CoupeDeVille with bullet tail lights. In the photos, Jerry looks exactly the way we remember him. I know he was really valued by coworkers at the MTL Fargo office, AWBW in Bismarck, THA in Fargo, and Cunningham Group and lots of other places. He put up with a lot of nonsense from a bunch of us now 70-year old men, but the way he is remembered by more recent co-workers for giving good advice, encouragement, and a helping hand seems much more relevant. He always followed through on his promises and managed to enjoy the people around him

We know, too, how loyal and loving he was to his family. You were fortunate to have had lots of good times with him, so please hold onto those wonderful memories. Be proud to have had Jerry in your lives and try to be strong for each other just as he would have wished. Rest in peace, old friend.

*Sincere sympathy,
Steve Martens, Fargo.*

Steve Martens - July 11, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JS

Thank you for the memories - I didn't even remember all the places he had worked at! Jana

Jana Steffan - July 14, 2024 at 05:08 PM

AN

“ 2 files added to the album Jobsite



Andrew - July 11, 2024 at 11:48 AM

WH

“ *Janson, William and family,
How very sorry to hear of your father's sudden passing. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap His loving arms around you and bless you with unending comfort and peace. 🙏.
Stan, Paula and Sonja*

Wheellocks - July 10, 2024 at 02:39 PM

JL

“ *Jerry taught me so many things when we worked together at Cuningham Group. He helped me understand people. He made me remember how to look different perspectives. He helped me remember that work could, at sometimes, be fun.*

Julie Lang - July 10, 2024 at 12:16 AM

MB

“ Dear family, I grew up with Jerry and his sister Kathy. I send condolences and prayers. I can still hear Jerry's mom calling him to practice his trumpet. Rest in peace Jerry. Marge

marjorie buettner - July 09, 2024 at 06:44 PM

BC

“ Janson, Billy and family,
My thoughts and my prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Becky Sannes Czichotzki

Becky Sannes Czichotzki - July 09, 2024 at 03:27 PM

JC

“ Jerry was an awesome person to work with for many years out here at Epic. I truly enjoyed his combination of calm under fire in front of everyone and then joking snark mixed in behind the scenes. I could always count on coming away with something positive from every interaction that I had with him. Rest well, sir.

Jeremy C - July 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.



July 09, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BE

“ jerry was such a fun patient, he would come in and we would joke and laugh and almost forget I had work to do. When Dr. Vang told me what happened My heart sank.
I am so sorry for your loss and it leave a hole here in the clinic!!!
hugs and prayers.

beth v cma

beth - July 09, 2024 at 09:37 AM

JS

“ 3 files added to the album My Father



Janson Steffan - July 08, 2024 at 03:51 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of
Jerry Lee Steffan.



July 08, 2024 at 03:16 PM

BF

“ *Jana and family- I was shocked to hear of Jerry's sudden passing. I had the pleasure of knowing him for many years as we worked together at Epic. I had lunch with him in Verona the last week he worked there never did I imagine it would be the last time we would ever see each other.*
My heartfelt condolences and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. God bless.
Brian Flannery

Brian Flannery - July 08, 2024 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



July 08, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



July 08, 2024 at 08:18 AM

KS

“ *My dear baby bro, I will miss you. RIP*

Kathy Steffan - July 06, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



July 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *the Marohl Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Steffan.*

the Marohl Family - July 06, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Theresa Andrews purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



Theresa Andrews - July 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM



“ *Theresa Andrews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jerry Lee Steffan.*

Theresa Andrews - July 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

SP

“ *Senan, Maria and all at Schmelzer Paint purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jerry Lee Steffan.*



Senan, Maria and all at Schmelzer Paint - July 06, 2024 at
12:02 PM