



Stephan C Bucko

March 14, 1932 - March 16, 2021

Stephan "Steve" C. Bucko

Age 89 of Oakdale, previously New Brighton, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2021 with his family at his side.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Mary Bucko, brothers Michael, Yosef, and John, and sister Anna.

Steve met and married Helen Hassing in June 1958 and raised four children.

Steve is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Helen; their children, Rita (Roy) Haglund, Julie (Dan) Duncan, Mark (Connie) Bucko, Paula (Gary) Praska; nine grandchildren, Kevin (Jill) Haglund, Brent (Alyssa) Haglund, Michael, Katie, and Joseph Duncan, Steven and Matthew Bucko, Lauren and Kelli Praska; and four great-grandchildren, Hunter and Isla Haglund, Calla and Bergen Haglund; many nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

Steve was born on March 14, 1932 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He spent his formative years in Sunava, Czechoslovakia and in October 1949 Steve and his family returned to Minneapolis to reunite with his dad. Steve completed high school in Czechoslovakia and upon returning to America, went to Edison High School to learn the English language, graduating from high school a second time, and continued to further his education.

Steve was proud of his Slovak heritage, taking Helen back to where he grew up in 1972, and his son and a daughter and their families again in 2006. He enjoyed traveling whether it was a family car trip across the U.S., an Alaskan cruise, or trips with Helen and friends. He spoke the language his whole life,

and often sang his "Slovak song".

Steve started his career with the Minnesota Highway Department in May 1955 as a draftsman in highway design and finished his 42 years at MNDOT as Principal Engineer in Right of Way. He was a Hiway Credit Union Board Member for 34 years, long time member of MGEC, the Knights of Columbus, Slovak Catholic Sokols, Altar Boy in Sunava's Catholic Church, and Usher at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton. Steve volunteered, delivered meals on wheels, and was always there to help out his friends and neighbors.

Steve learned to ski in the Tatra Mountains of Slovakia and was an avid downhill skier; skiing competitively into his 70's, golfer, and bowler. He always took pride in their home, lawn and landscaping, and had a passion for growing roses.

Family was important to Steve, attending events of his children, and grandchildren and spending time with his great-grandchildren. He was so proud of all of us, always offering encouragement and support in whatever we chose to do.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; 835 2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 11 AM with Visitation at 10 AM. The Mass will be live-streamed at www.stjohnnb.com. Private Interment at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Steve's memory to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Brighton, or a charity of your choosing.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Therese of Woodbury Senior Community, and Fairview Hospice for their compassionate care. We would like to express our appreciation to family and friends for your sympathy, prayers, and support.

Tribute Wall

MN

“ *Helen, I'm so sorry to have missed the notice of Steve's funeral, but please know now that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Can't help but remember all the work and good times we had on the Arts & Environment Committee.*



MARGARET NELSON - March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I am sorry for the loss. My only consolation is that he is with his brothers, sister and parents.*



David Salmonson - March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Dear Bucko Family,
We are so sorry you lost your dad and husband. I can vividly recall the American flag waving proudly from your front step and later learned of your dad's incredible story. Thank you for being such great Inca Lane neighbors.*

Jacki Hagemeyer Harren - March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Sending love and strength to all who love my godfather. May his soul Rest In Peace.



Christy Salmonson - March 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ We are very sad to know that Steve has passed away, and thankful that we knew him as a friend here on earth. We were backyard neighbors with the Bucko's in the 1970's - what a good fortune for us. A great family! I can still vision Steve mowing his lush backyard with his Jacobson mower! Steve was a great husband, father, and friend. He set the bar high. I know. God bless his memory. We ask for God's Peace and Blessings for Helen, Rita, Julie, Mark, Paula and their families. Our deepest sympathy to you all.
Love, Bob and Gail Monson

Bob and Gail Monson - March 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Thinking of you as you mourn the loss and celebrate the life of dear Steve.

Connie Hansen - March 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM