



Steven Edward Grobe

February 16, 1961 - April 14, 2021

Steven Edward Grobe, 60, of Minneapolis passed away April 14, 2021. He grew up in Mount Prospect, IL with his parents, David and Edah and his younger sister Sherry. Steve was baptized and confirmed at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Mount Prospect where he was an active member in the youth group, choir and puppet ministry. His musical talents were fostered in high school and he especially enjoyed playing his French horn in the Prospect High School Marching Band. Steve's interest in music and participation in Marching Band continued at Indiana University where he studied Photojournalism and French. While at IU, he met his future wife Rhonda Knutson. Steve moved to Minnesota after graduation and they were married in February of 1984. Their daughter, Guinevere was born in 1991. The birth of Guiny, as a 24-week preemie, greatly impacted daily their daily life and reinforced the necessity for patience, strategy, dedication and limitless love.

Steve spent 23 years working in home furnishings at Dayton's, Hudson's and Marshall Field's and enjoyed his time and the connections he made as a buyer. After a career change, he became the primary caregiver for daughter Guiny and with that limitless love worked diligently to keep her safe and happy. Steve was treasured and appreciated by his extended family and many close friends. He was always there to help. His thoughtfulness, warm smile and "It'll be fine" approach, supported and comforted many throughout the years. His laughter could fill a room. He enjoyed bicycling, gardening, and was an active contributor to many online groups. Steve's love of music was

expressed through his lifelong commitment to church music. As a choir member, his voice added value to many tenor sections. He played the French horn and chaired the renovation committee to repair and upgrade of a historic organ.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, David J. Grobe. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda; daughter, Guinevere; mother, Edah and sister Sherry. A private memorial service will be held at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. A video of the service will be available at <http://www.goodshepherdmpls.org>. Interment will be held at a later date at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights, IL. Memorials preferred to the Oscar Mike Foundation or the music program at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd.

Links:

<https://www.oscarmike.org/pages/foundation>

<http://www.goodshepherdmpls.org/ways-to-give>

Tribute Wall

GC

“ I met Steve in 5th grade at Fairview after moving into that neighborhood. We were in Cub Scouts together and numerous activities at St. Marks church. He was a good friend and always fun to be with. I still remember walking around our neighborhood and bumping into him and he introduced me to his girlfriend, Rhonda. That was the last time I saw him. So sorry for your loss.

Gary A Chartraw - April 20, 2021 at 10:16 AM

SS

“ I remember Steve from Fairview grade school (he was my first grade boyfriend) and in all the years of school band. I am sorry for your loss.

Sharon Sebastian

Sharon Sebastian - April 19, 2021 at 06:47 PM

CH

“ Rhonda and family I'm so sorry for your loss. There are so many memories of Steve from our St Mark's youth group. Whether it was lock-ins or road trips to perform with the puppeteers, making floats or just having fun. Steve brought joy into our lives. We both went to Prospect High School too. May you find comfort in your memories.

Cheryl Baumhardt Hicks - April 18, 2021 at 10:30 AM

SC

“ Rhonda and family, I am so sad to hear the news of Steve's death. It was fun to watch the two of you get together toward the end of our time as undergraduates at IU Bloomington. He was always the life of the party and I know you all shared an equal love for music. Healing energies and much love, Stuart Chen-Hayes

Stuart Chen-Hayes - April 18, 2021 at 12:58 AM

AE

“ So many wonderful memories of Steve during shows of "No Strings Attached" at St Mark Lutheran, and building floats with his dad & sister. Sherry, may all your good memories give you peace.

Annette Eichorst - April 17, 2021 at 09:17 PM



“ My condolences to Rhonda, and to Steve's entire family. Steve was an important part of our Indiana University gang back in the early 1980s - such a fun and friendly guy, and I will never forget his laugh. I am grateful that Steve and I were able to reconnect these past few years. Peace and good memories to all. -Scott Waters

Scott Waters - April 17, 2021 at 08:17 PM

LK

“ I worked with Steve for many years at Dayton. We traveled for years to furniture market. Steve was always a fun person to be with. I remember the day their daughter was born, even though he was so worried about her size. I think it was one of the happiest days of his life. RIP Steve

larry Kirchner - April 17, 2021 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ *Condolence to Steve's family and friends! Wishes for peace and for time and space to remember good memories together.*

Brad Biggs

Brad Biggs - April 17, 2021 at 05:57 PM

RM

“ *I met Steve, when Rhonda and I were completing our Masters in ED Leadership. He was so helpful to me, as I always needed a bit of extra help when it came to writing. I have enjoyed his comments on facebook about my dogs. Steven always shared such positive things about this world, Rhonda's baking, his biking, gardening. He was a genuine, "nice guy. " I am really saddened to hear of his passing. Rhonda please know that we are thinking of you and your family. Please let me know if I can help you in anyway. Take Care!*
Rhonda Mechels

Rhonda Mechels - April 17, 2021 at 03:55 PM