



## Steven Charles King

December 28, 1945 - April 4, 2025

Steven C. King

Beloved father, husband and friend, passed peacefully while surrounded by his devoted family at the Minneapolis VA Hospital on April 4th, 2025.

Steve was born on December 28th, 1945 to June (Carlson) and Dan King in Minneapolis, MN. He graduated from Richfield High School, enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and was a serviceman in the Vietnam War. He married the love of his life, Jean (Schultz), on May 10th, 1975 and they began their family, settling in Coon Rapids.

Steve's greatest accomplishments were his four children, whom he was extremely close to and immensely proud of. Valuing education and diligence, he spent endless hours helping them with homework, projects, and supporting them with invaluable advice. Each night, he'd put them to bed telling them fantastical stories from his imagination, followed by a quiz on the story, ending with his original "Nighty-Night" song. He was thrilled when he became a grandpa and absolutely thrived in that role.

Steve's career included long tenures as Vice President of First Brookdale Bank, as well as in economic development for both the St. Paul Port Authority and Dakota County Economic Development Partnership. He was a skilled

businessman, communicator, and eloquent orator. His stage presence was unmatched. In addition to holding leadership roles with Ducks Unlimited and the Coon Rapids VFW, he volunteered with the Lions Club. A true jack of all trades with broad knowledge and skills; Steve could make or fix just about anything. He was also artistic and enjoyed calligraphy, painting, engraving, and woodworking.

Steve was a caring and trusted friend to many including Gary Larson, Rich Mankowski and Pete Klein, to name a few. They shared many adventures together fishing, bird hunting, and spending time at the deer shack. Not only was he an avid sportsman, Steve was a renowned prankster and jokester. He got the biggest kick out of drawing a laugh. He strived to serve others and make people happy, and his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of all those who love him.

Steve valiantly fought the effects from exposure to Agent Orange acquired during his time in the service. He overcame cancer and long persevered amidst the progression of inclusion body myositis while maintaining a positive outlook throughout.

He is survived by wife, Jean; children, Emily (Chris Leebens), Molly (Cory) Nokleby, Dan (Christen Evans), and David (Pachee); grandchildren, Drew, Sam L., Case, Paige, Wyatt, and Sam N.

Preceded in death by parents, June and Dan, as well as his loyal springer spaniel, Moose.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10:00 - 11:00) at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW. A luncheon is directly to follow at the Coon Rapids VFW.

In lieu of flowers, family will donate memorials to the Minneapolis VA Hospital.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

APR 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

## Reception

APR 16. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids VFW Post 9625  
1919 Coon Rapids Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall

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“ Leon’s Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Steven Charles King.



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**Leon’s Family** - April 15, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SJ

“ Barb and I are so very sorry to learn of our cousin Steve's passing. We have such fond memories of all of our Minneapolis visits during our childhood. We always proudly said we had ONE single solitary cousin.....and that was Steve. Always the prankster and such a NICE guy.. I remember his visits to Pennsylvania to see us on breaks from his Naval duties.....we're talking the 60's. We got to see him a couple of times as adults but we spoke of him often and always wished we had lived closer through the years. Deepest sympathy to you Jean, and to his beloved Dan, David, Emily and Molly and their families. Rest in peace dear cousin. You will be missed. Love, Cousin Sue xoxo

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**Susan Jimenez** - April 11, 2025 at 01:58 PM

PB

“ From your past neighbors the Bergs on Evergreen Street; please accept our sincere sympathy at Steve’s passing. He did keep on living life hard despite his medical issues and brought joy to so many. Larry and I always loved when Steve came over to chat with us. His positive attitude and humor was catchy! We admired his devotion and total engagement with his children, a top notch parent. He could converse with anyone and make them feel valued. Our family was blessed to know you Steve. Rest In Peace our friend.

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**Pamela Berg** - April 10, 2025 at 01:57 PM