



Stephen J. Gfeller

April 14, 1945 - December 30, 2025

Stephen J. "Steve" Gfeller, 80 years, of Fremont, Nebraska passed away Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Methodist Fremont Health.

Steve was born on April 14, 1945 to Theodore Jr. and Patricia (Doane) Gfeller in Emporia, Kansas. He grew up in both Texas and Kansas.

After high school, he became a manufacturing representative, retiring in 2012. In 1997, Steve married Cheryl Stultz in Omaha, Nebraska.

Steve was a member of the Shriners. Over the years he enjoyed golfing, ice fishing, and watching westerns.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Patricia; brother, Teddy, and son, John.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; sons, Pat (Jasmine) Telley and Eric Bathen; daughter, Robin Zellers; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 5-6pm on Friday, January 16, 2026 at Reichmuth Funeral Home in Elkhorn. A memorial service will follow beginning at 6pm.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

21907 West Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Stephen J. Gfeller*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - January 16 at 06:00 PM

PD

“ *He weill be greatly missed at the reunion this year. He was hilarious. Always enjoyed his speeches. Pat Hopper Dahnke*

Pat Dahnke - April 16 at 10:21 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.*



January 15 at 04:34 PM

BC

“ *Bob & Nancy Cooper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen J. Gfeller.*

Bob & Nancy Cooper - January 15 at 04:34 PM

AD

“Forty-two years ago, our family relocated to Omaha from St. Louis. We were so fortunate to move into a great neighborhood and Steve was our neighbor. Steve and I first met when I took a few beers down the street, knocked on Steve's door, introduced myself, and asked Steve if he was up for a "chilly one" and Steve was. That was the start of our long-term friendship. Steve was truly one of a kind and a best friend. Steve embraced our entire family. Steve was the "Best" and our family loved him dearly.

Great people leave great memories! I will cherish the memories of the times that we spent together and will never forget a single one. (Fishing/Ice Fishing, hunting, driveway beers, playing pinball for hours, watching football, road trips, our trip to Hawaii, and the list goes on and on)

A wise person told me many years ago, "You only go around once in life, but once is enough if you do it right." Steve did it right! Goodbye for now Steve, until we meet again.

Al Dothage

Al Dothage - January 15 at 04:18 PM

TC

Al,, your post was so heartwarming. Steve was one of the kindest guys ever. Always so sweet, caring, & appreciative of everything. I'm so grateful we had the pleasure of getting to know him & although we didn't see him as much we still cherished the times we did. Blessed we got to celebrate a few of his birthdays with him. I pray he is at peace & watching over us. RIP Steve.. we love you. 🙏❤️🙏

Toni Conklin - January 15 at 09:11 PM

SW

“ Words do not accurately describe the man. He was a great friend who always had a smile, a quick wit, a hilarious story and a kind word for everyone. Rest in peace old friend. You will be greatly missed.

Jeff and Susie Winterboer

Susan Winterboer - January 15 at 09:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.



January 13 at 02:17 PM

MS

“ *Meredith Stohler* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen J. Gfeller.

Meredith Stohler - January 13 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.



January 13 at 10:52 AM

TF

“ *The Dothage Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.*



The Dothage Family - January 12 at 12:07 PM

TF

“ *The Dothage Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen J. Gfeller.*

The Dothage Family - January 12 at 12:07 PM

BW

“ *Steve was a dear family friend when I grew up in Omaha. As a young kid, we looked forward to any excuse to go hang out at Steve-O's house...always a guaranteed good time! He was a close friend of my parents, and spoiled us kids endlessly. He was kind, generous and hilarious. I remember lots of shenanigans regarding our "May Day" baskets, 4th of July parties and countless neighborhood get togethers. He loved a good prank and helped us kids pull off many over the years. Such a great guy and he will be missed. Rest in Peace Steve-O. Heaven just got a lot more exciting.*

Beth Dothage Walker

Beth Dothage Walker - January 12 at 09:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.*



January 11 at 05:33 PM



“ *I have known Steve since we worked together @ Heltzer Sales. Steve always had the best attitude about everything. We worked together and had many good laughs, but always got the job done. We kept in touch every month all these years. Every time we talked we always had a good story to tell and a good laugh.*

I will truly miss him. He was the Best of the Best.

Your Good Friend Randy Kramer

Randy Kramer - January 10 at 07:34 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.*



January 09 at 12:39 PM

TG

“ I'll miss Uncle Steve so much. I was beyond grateful for Aunt Cher reconnecting us after losing my dad (his brother Theodore "tedd" gfeller) and my grandma (his mother Patricia "Pat" gfeller) back to back. I've been his teen Queen for 55 years and I loved hearing it every time. I'll see you when I'm there. Give Dad and Grandpa, and Grandma doane and Pat as well as Jon Thomas huge hugs and kisses from me. I love you. Tina Gfeller.... I'd really like if one of his step sons could reach out to me if I'm not able to get there my phone number is 913-200-1443

Tina Renae Gfeller - January 08 at 09:53 PM

RP

“ Steve was a great friend of mine for over 35 years. Steve and Cher bought one of my houses some 15 years ago. Steve had a heart of gold and even though his health kept him from doing much the past few years, he still had a great sense of humor and a great attitude towards life. I visited Steve many times over the past 3-4 years and he loved it when I would bring him all sorts of snacks and candy. Until we meet again my friend, I will forever cherish the memories that we had over the years in the industry.

Rod Post - January 08 at 07:27 PM

JG

Thank you so much for sharing this, Rod. Your friendship and visits meant the world to Steve, and he truly treasured those times, the laughs, and of course the snacks. He never lost his sense of humor or his gratitude for the people who showed up for him. Your memories and kindness are such a beautiful tribute to the man he was. He will always be remembered and deeply missed.

Jaime Gigliotti - January 08 at 10:32 PM

JM

“ Jim McCoy purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Stephen J. Gfeller.



Jim McCoy - January 08 at 11:29 AM

JM

“ Jim McCoy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen J. Gfeller.

Jim McCoy - January 08 at 11:29 AM

JM

“ What an incredible human being. My best friend for over 40 years. Laughs, tears memories too many to count. I visited him often when he became hampered by his physical abilities, but oh boy the mind never faltered, such a friend, caring, compassionate, helpful and so quick with his wit.
I will think of him and our times together forever.
Rest well "Grader" I'll see you ice fishing someday.
Jim

Jim McCoy - January 08 at 09:13 AM

JG

Jim, thank you so much for your beautiful words about Steve. Your friendship meant the world to him, and it truly comforts my heart knowing how deeply loved and respected he was. I know your visits, laughter, and shared memories brought him so much joy. He spoke of you often. Your tribute captures his spirit perfectly. Thank you for honoring him and for being such a true friend.

💖 Jaime Gigliotti

Jaime Gigliotti - January 08 at 12:56 PM

MD

Steve Gfeller, what a great man and friend! When my husband died ,two years ago this coming June, Steve spoke to me from the heart and told me to hang in there & love my girls. We had been far apart these last thirty or forty years, but how can you ever forget the funniest man you ever knew! We all went to Hawaii together. Maui. So was especially sad when it burned. Steve & my husband Garry decided while there to sign up for wild boar hunting with knives. They were in over their heads! They got so muddy & scratched up trying to hang onto the side of a mountain. Steve finally said to the scout, "Here's my credit card, I don't care what it costs, just get us the hell out of here!" They laughed over that endless times. Here's to hoping you both are up there in heaven laughing about it again! Rest in peace dear friend. Tell my husband hello. Love you Steve.

Marta Dial - January 08 at 01:28 PM

JR

*I remember a hunting trip in Iowa years ago. My group went into a very small town in rural Iowa. Who is holding court at the bar, none other than Steve. The master of tall tales a teller of jokes. He will missed by many friends. Until we meet again dear friend !
Jim Rowe*

Jim Rowe - January 08 at 02:18 PM