



Stephen G. Fricke

December 10, 1957 - May 27, 2024

Stephen G. Fricke, 66, of Petersburg entered his eternal home on Monday, May 27, 2024 after a well-fought battle with liver cancer.

Stephen was born on December 10, 1957 to Glenn and Carol Fricke of Petersburg, IL. On January 26, 1958, he became a child of God through the gift of baptism. He married his wife, Deborah Krueger, on December 30, 1989 and they went on to have two children-Katrina and Jonathan.

Stephen was a life-long member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. He lived a life that reflected his love of his Lord, and that faith was evident until he departed this life and into eternity. He was a farmer and enjoyed raising cattle and working the land that was passed on to him by his father and grandfather. Stephen served as a volunteer firefighter for the Oakford Fire Protection District. He also worked for Sunrise Ag and Fornoff and enjoyed getting to know and serving the agricultural community through his time at those two companies.

Stephen was a gifted storyteller and always sought to bring joy to the people around him. He went out of his way to make sure that the people around him had a smile on their face. Although he underwent an incredible number of challenges in his life, his hope never wavered and his positive outlook was absolutely contagious.

Stephen is survived by his wife, Deborah; children Katrina (John Michael) Jurica of Chicago, IL, Jonathan (Kiersten) Fricke of Wisconsin; grandson Oliver; and brother Larry (Bonnie) as well as beloved cousins, nephews, and dear friends.

Stephen was predeceased by his father, Glenn, his mother, Carol, and his brother Douglas.

The Visitation for Stephen will be on Friday, May 31st from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home, 122 W. Douglas Avenue, Petersburg, IL 62675. A second Visitation will also be held on Saturday, June 1st starting at 9:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 120 W. Monroe, Petersburg, IL 62675 with a Service at 10:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The Graveside Service will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the following entities:

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Petersburg, IL

Oakford Fire Department

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is in charge of making arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

IL-123
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-3022

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Visitation

JUN 1. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
120 W Monroe
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2453

Funeral Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
120 W Monroe
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2453

Tribute Wall



“ Hurley Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephen G. Fricke



Hurley Funeral Home - May 31, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ When we moved to rural Petersburg, Steve and his wife were the first people to welcome us. Steve set a positive tone that I will always be grateful for. He made that little corner of the universe a better place.

Jennifer Morrison - May 31, 2024 at 08:38 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stephen G. Fricke.



May 31, 2024 at 03:43 AM

KP

“ Steve was always very friendly to me, his rural mail carrier, whenever we saw each other. My condolences to Larry and Bonnie, Debbie and the kids. Thinking of you all.
Karen Pope

Karen Pope - May 30, 2024 at 07:01 PM

RS

“ Ron & Sue Sanert lit a candle in memory of Stephen Fricke



Ron & Sue Sanert - May 30, 2024 at 06:10 PM

RD

“ Steve was a lifelong friend, back when we were in 4-H showing at the county fair. Thru high school, running around to everything from Hockey games, tractor pulls, and all the parties that Steve hosted at the farm. Steve always had a positive attitude to all of life's hurdles that he experienced. I'm sure his faith in God helped him through all the rough times. We always would visit when he brought hay out to us, sometimes Debbie would call and ask are you still at Roy and Kelleighs, Steve loved to visit, we will miss him.

Roy DeMonbrun - May 30, 2024 at 10:08 AM

RD

“ Roy, Kelleigh and Alexandria DeMonbrun planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen G. Fricke.

Roy, Kelleigh and Alexandria DeMonbrun - May 30, 2024 at 09:56 AM

RD

“ Roy, Kelleigh and Alexandria DeMonbrun purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Stephen G. Fricke.



Roy, Kelleigh and Alexandria DeMonbrun - May 30, 2024 at 09:56 AM

LH

“ Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Stephen Fricke



Larry and Mary Hundt - May 30, 2024 at 09:32 AM