



Stephen E. Gebhardt

July 17, 1947 - July 29, 2024

Stephen E. Gebhardt, 77, of Kankakee, passed away Monday, July 29, 2024, at Riverside Medical Center.

He was born July 17, 1947, in St. Louis, Missouri the son of Edward M. and Evelyn (Themer) Gebhardt. Stephen served in the United States Airforce, was a volunteer firefighter for Limestone Fire Protection District, and a paramedic. On June 17, 1967, he married Carolyn Nelson at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee. He retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections after 23 years.

Stephen was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kankakee. He was very involved and volunteered with the Limestone Fire Department for 30 + years. He was also president of the Limestone Fire Department Fireman's Association. Stephen enjoyed camping, westerns, and he was an avid reader.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Carolyn Gebhardt of Kankakee; children, Kenneth (Tammy) Gebhardt of Bonfield, Richard (Kiffany) Gebhardt of Erie, CO, and Jean Marie Gebhardt of Kankakee; grandchildren, Jordan Riekan, Christopher Gebhardt, Jessica Gebhardt, Kayla (Wade) Gebhardt- Brooks, and Sofia Rueda; great grandchildren, Eric Blanton and Sylvia Riekan.

Stephen is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 2, 2024, at Jensen Funeral Home, Kankakee from 4 p.m. until the funeral service at 7 p.m. with Pastor Karl Koeppen officiating. Burial will be held at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 10:30 am.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

Jensen Funeral Home
3639 EAST State Route 17
Kankakee, IL 60901
jensenfuneralhomes@yahoo.com

Burial

SEP 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery
20953 west Hoff Rd
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Delaina Caise - August 14, 2024 at 03:38 PM

DC

“ Delaina Caise lit a candle in memory of Stephen E. Gebhardt



Delaina Caise - August 14, 2024 at 03:37 PM

MS

“ Steve was a great friend and co-worker when we worked for the old Henson Ambulance! Our families went camping several times, he taught me how to drink Black Russians RIP MY FRIEND

Matt Stefanich - July 31, 2024 at 09:41 PM

CM

“ Carm, Jamie, Brian, and Missy purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Stephen E. Gebhardt.



Carm, Jamie, Brian, and Missy - July 31, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CM

“ *Carm, Jamie, Brian, and Missy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Stephen E. Gebhardt.*

Carm, Jamie, Brian, and Missy - July 31, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DK

“ *Donn & Darcy Kane lit a candle in memory of Stephen E. Gebhardt*



Donn & Darcy Kane - July 30, 2024 at 10:05 PM