



Stephen L. Sack

March 5, 1946 - September 10, 2018

Stephen L. Sack, 72, of Central City, Nebraska died Monday, September 10, 2018 at VA Nebraska-Iowa Healthcare Systems in Omaha. Celebration of Life services will be Monday, September 17, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City. Memorials are suggested to the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Stephen L. Sack, was born on March 5, 1946 to Lloyd and Marian (Hohbein) Sack in Beatrice, Nebraska. Steve grew up in the Aurora area, and graduated from Aurora High School in 1964. Following his graduation from High School, Steve briefly attended Omaha University for one semester, and decided he was wasting his time and his dad's money, so he then began working laying brick. He said during that time he almost starved to death, because he was the poorest he ever was during his lifetime. He then began working for Missouri Valley Construction on the hot mix crew in Northwestern Nebraska. He said he made good money while working there, but all he did was work, and drink beer. Keith Penner and Steve then decided to go on a vacation in early winter to California, Mexico, and Texas. When they returned home, they immediately enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965. Steve served his country during the Vietnam War, and when he returned from his first tour, he was ranked as a Corporal. While serving, he was a member of the 2nd Battalion 4th Marine Division "The Magnificent Bastards". He always said it was the best decision he ever made in his life. The Marine Corps helped him grow up.

After his honorable discharge in 1968, he attended college in Waco, Texas. While attending school in Texas, he was on the dean's list. He learned how to maintain grades, even after going out drinking and chasing women all night. He then moved back to Aurora and began working for the family business, Sack Lumber. Steve remained in Aurora, until 1973, when he moved to Central City to take over Sack Lumber. On April 1, 1998, Steve was given a second chance at life when he received a kidney transplant from his former Sergeant, Sgt. Steven Krauss. He then remained at Sack Lumber until his retirement in 2001.

Steve was a member of the American Legion Post #6, a lifetime member of the VFW in Aurora, and was a member of the exclusive China Post. He was one of the 12 original members of the River Rats Association, which has now grown to over 800 members.

Steve enjoyed parachuting; especially getting to jump in foreign countries, such as; Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Thailand, East Germany, Hungary, Poland (Russian), China, North Vietnam, El Salvador, Honduras, and Cuba. He also enjoyed restoring hot rods, air boating, welding, laying brick, and building jeeps and airboats. He caught thousands of catfish, airboated thousands of miles, and drank thousands of gallons of beer throughout his life. After his retirement, Steve enjoyed hosting class reunions and get togethers with his former Marine Corps Vietnam Unit Comrades. He also enjoyed gardening, antiques, and getting kicked off of Facebook.

Those left to cherish his memory are his "Main Squeeze" Linda Sawyers of Central City and her children's families, all of Central City; Tom Sawyers, Angie (Bill) Grimes, Kim Makowski and her daughter; Steve's "Pretty Girl" McKenzie Makowski, and Mandie (Craig) Blodgett, his nieces and their families; Gina (Scott) Fehringer of Genoa, Angie Sack, and Nikki "Bert" (Eric) Collazo, both of Marquette, his step-sisters; Kathy Pollard of Aurora, Debe

(Mike) Merrick of Aurora, and Patty (Mike) Newman of Marquette and his lifelong best friend; Keith Penner of Aurora.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother and sister-in-law; Bill "GAPS" and Irene Sack, his aunt; Doris Landstrom and step brother-in-law; Jim Pollard.

Cemetery Details

At a Later Date

Previous Events

Memorial Celebration

SEP **17**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JW

“ Steve was a wonderful person, lots of memories of fun times and a beautiful 1957 Chevy in the 70's. Air boating on the Platte, I have no bad memories all good that bring a smile to my face.
You'll be missed by many.

Joanne Wilson

Joanne L Wilson - August 26, 2019 at 10:54 PM

SD

“ Gina, Angie and Nikki...our thoughts are with you guys on the passing of fellow Marine, fellow Vietnam veteran, fellow 4th Regt. Marine, Uncle Steve Sack. Rest assured Steve lived his life on his terms. We have thought of you guys a lot over the years.

Brother Steve...we shared and survived the worst of the DMZ fighting in 67&68. Thank you for your service there and thank you for your service upon return to: Vets, to the POW/MIA cause, your help with the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, and Sons and Daughters of Vietnam Vets group.

SEMPER FI, BROTHER...!!!

*Steve, Kathy, Eric, Chris, Mike and David Durbin
Whidbey Island, WA*

steve durbin - September 14, 2018 at 07:41 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mike Castle - September 14, 2018 at 03:18 PM

MC

“ *Thank you for being a brother and a friend. You will always be remembered.*

Semper Fidelis , Mike Castle

Mike Castle - September 14, 2018 at 03:16 PM

MC

“ *Mike And Sherry Castle lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Sack*



Mike and Sherry Castle - September 14, 2018 at 02:44 PM

RS

“ *Ron and Deb Sack purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Stephen L. Sack.*



Ron and Deb Sack - September 13, 2018 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ *Linda & family,*

Very sorry for your lost of Steve, he was a very well respected man, he did a lot, seen a lot, was a tough man both mentally and physically because of his experiences in life. he was a One-of-a-Kind guy and heaven will be a more lively place with him there.

*Sincerely,
Deb Meyer*



Deb Meyer - September 12, 2018 at 03:27 PM

RL

“ *Robert Lockhart lit a candle in memory of Stephen L. Sack*



Robert Lockhart - September 12, 2018 at 02:49 PM

RR

“ *Robert Bliss USMC Ret. purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Stephen L. Sack.*



Robert Bliss USMC Ret. - September 12, 2018 at 12:07 PM

KS

“ *Stephen Sack was a risk taker, a Marine to the core. He had a heart that loved and cared about a lot of people.*

May you rest in peace my dear Stephen, and thank you for the ride..

Love and miss you forever

Karla Smith

My deepest sympathy to Steve' s nieces Gina, Angie, and Nicole..



Karla Smith - September 11, 2018 at 11:12 PM