



Steven M. Larsen

April 10, 1950 - January 13, 2015

On January 13, 2015, Steven Merriam Larsen was called up to the “Big Leagues.” The hosts of heaven have just taken back one of their best. He passed away unexpectedly from heart failure in his home in American Fork, Utah.

Steve was born on April 10, 1950 to Gene and Jean Larsen in Salt Lake City, Utah. He played baseball for and graduated from Granger High School. He, then, served as a missionary in Argentina for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Steve married his best friend, Sherrie Lynn Van Ry, on December 2, 1971 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Although she will now continue their dance alone, their love is forever sealed in heaven through the Priesthood of God.

Like all of us, Steve only had one crack at this life and he truly hit a home run. The ironic thing is that he would be the last person in the world to tell you about his accolades. That is just who he was. Whatever he set his mind to, he did well.

Steve found great joy in the outdoors, whether he was hunting, fishing, gardening, or just setting up a camping trip all could enjoy. His footprints dot nearly every surrounding canyon, lake, peak and ravine. The one thing Steve loved more than nature, however, was his family. He had a huge heart and it seemed to swell with each new grandkid. No roller coaster ever got too big, no recital or ballgame was ever too trivial, and no joke was ever too silly. He was the quintessential everything.

Steve was also a very talented artist and had an impeccable eye for color. He was pursuing his dream of being a painter up until his death and now has the endless skies as his canvas.

In death, Dad is now reunited with his precious daughter, Julie, and his dear parents. He is survived by his beautiful companion (Sherrie Lynn), his in-laws (Cornelius and Joan Van Ry), his sons and daughters (Lana and Richard Mousley, Steven and Noell Larsen, Jamie and Luke Sieverts, and Nikki and Gentry Bean), his grandkids (Alexis, Cody, Hunter, Gage, and Makenna Mousley, Bridger and Whitley Larsen, Bailey, Adrianna, and Elise Sieverts, and Rylee Bean), his siblings (Charlene and Ron Bigelow, Mike and Robyn Larsen, Jim and Roger Larsen, and Richard Larsen), and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, and nieces dear to his heart. His granddaughter, Alexis, is currently a missionary in England.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Barratt Building American Fork 30th Ward, 261 North 900 East, American Fork, Utah with a viewing at the church prior to services from 9:45 to 10:45 am. A viewing Friday evening, January 16, 2015 will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Taylorsville Stake Center, 4845 South Woodhaven Drive (1365 West), Taylorsville, Utah. Interment at 1:30 pm, Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the Valley View Memorial Park, West Valley City, Utah.

Comments



“ Steve is surely missed, even down here on the farm! (South of Manti) just wanted everyone to know that we (Ken Larson family) always held Steve dear to our hearts!!
Kandy



Kenna Larson - June 13, 2019 at 06:23 PM



“ Our Love and prayers continue to be with you during this difficult time. We are grateful for Eternal Families and to Know that we can be with our loved ones forever. We love you! Steve&Paula Brock & Hannah Ariel & Jon

paula and Steve Johnson - January 22, 2015 at 12:23 AM



“ To All Concerned, I was able to know Steve but a short time and we became fast friends. We picked up and dropped off kids to the same Jr. High. We visited as much as we could everyday. Sometimes were long getting to share in each other's interests or just a quick hello. We both enjoyed talking and sharing stories of each of our families. He was always upbeat. It was odd to hear of his death because I was out of the country for a bit. During the time I was gone I thought of something I was going to ask him to paint for me. I'm sure he is helping watch over his family now. I know I will miss as I know you do too. I'll see ya again some day Brother?

Jim Selmos - January 18, 2015 at 11:32 PM



“ Sherrie and family, We were so shocked and incredibly saddened by the news of Steve's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We often reminisce about the good old days in West Jordan, Utah and your family. What a great Gardner, neighbor, friend, husband and father Steve was. He enriched our lives and was a great example to everyone around him. So happy to have known him. Sorry for your loss. Love, Marty and Sherrie Camberlango

Sherrie and Marty Camberlango - January 17, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ I want to send my condolences to the whole family. What a shock and what a loss. Growing up in the same neighborhood, I remember Steve as an athletic, vibrant and constantly cheerful person. He was always so kind to me and my family. After he returned from his mission, I enjoyed speaking with him in Spanish and kicking around a soccer ball as well as the occasional basketball game in the family driveway. I indulged myself in more than a few philosophical and theological conversations with Steve. We were rarely in agreement, but I always valued his insight and wisdom, and never felt judged or written off. He gave my grandmother a beautiful painting of a Gaucho and occasionally shared a Mate' (Argentine tea) with us. My regret is to not have spent more time getting to know this artistic, giving and selfless man. Despite my lack of contact with him for many years, I feel that the world is diminished by his absence. I feel blessed to have had a small piece of my soul touched by this wonderful person.

Ed Tokarz - January 17, 2015 at 12:40 AM



“ To Sherrie, Lana, Steven Jr, Jamie, and Nikki In remembrance of Steve I wrote these words:
Oh when will we see you again? From temporal bounds you've flown. To yonder heights and family there, And wonders yet unknown. The angels of eternal realms Did guide you safely home. And there you'll glory in the Lord And His atonement own. For now by faith we will endure. Our spirits here we'll mold With patience, love, and charity We'll do our work below. But, oh how wonderous it will be When again we shall see, You, in the realms of God above, In full felicity
Love you all - Mark Hansen former Bishopric member of the Valley Park 5th Ward

Mark and Joan Hansen - January 16, 2015 at 03:02 PM



“ Steve was my bus driver last year when I was in seventh grade, I just wanted to let you know that was the best year I have ever had because of him. He would always let us stand up on bumps in the road. He would always joke around with us. We had so much fun that year and we all miss him. Steve was an amazing artist and I love his work. He only mentioned he was an artist around the end of the school year, and I love to paint and so it made such a difference to me. We love him and will all miss him so much, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Richins - January 15, 2015 at 08:27 PM



“ Sherrie and family, My husband Don and I have several of Steve's paintings and have truly loved them from the time we got them from him. We will cherish them more than ever now. He was extremely talented and everyone that comes to our home comments on them. What a tremendous loss not only as a painter, but an outstanding person as well. We will always think of him when we look at those beautiful paintings. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Sincerely, Gina and Don Petersen Sandy, Utah

Gina and Don Petersen - January 15, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ Dear Sherrie and Family, Steve was one of those men that I always enjoyed being around. He had a smile and a genuineness about him that I appreciated greatly. He expressed his love for you and the children to me on several occasions. May the Lord bless you and your family in this time of grief and loss. Mike and Janis

Mike and Janis Smith - January 15, 2015 at 02:28 PM



“ I just wanted to share with you what a great bus driver Steve was. Our area was the first stop on the jr high route of his each day. Being first, he had a little time to wait before pickup time. As his bus route went right by our house, each day he would stop and wait just across the street so that my 2 boys could get on the bus right there and not have to walk to the stop about a block and half away. So thoughtful and kind! I am sure that is just who he was. The boys loved him-something not often said about bus drivers. He will be missed!

Camille Gardner - January 15, 2015 at 02:08 PM



“ Dear Larsen Family, I REALLY have a lot of love for Steve. I had the distinct honor of working directly with Steve for many years while he was at OC Tanner (circa 1993). I was working for a paper company that serviced Tanner's (the good old days) and I called on Steve every week as the head graphic designer there. It was my first job out of college and he was so patient and respectful with me. Steve always took the time to educate/teach me, the novice, the 'ropes.' That is unique in this world. I never left his office without laughing very hard about something. What a fun man! Over the years we stayed in contact and I knew I could always count on his amazing creativity to give me a different perspective. I am sad that he is gone so soon ... but incredibly happy to have known such a funny, caring and loving person. I'm happy he lived his life to the max! I happy I knew Steve. I will forever remember how-his-smile made-me-smile and how-his-giggle made-me-giggle. Steve, I love how you have the talent to say so much ... without ever saying a word. You blessed my life – thank you. Steve, you made a difference in my life!

Adam Paul Green - January 15, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ Uncle Steve - You were a fun-loving uncle with a big heart for all of your nieces and nephews. I will always remember Sunday afternoons at Grandpa and Grandma's playing catch or getting into some mischief! And your stories never got old! Awesome memories. You will be missed!

David Bigelow - January 14, 2015 at 10:39 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with your sweet family. We were so sad to learn of this. Steve was a kind and gentle man. We are so grateful for his great service to our sons in Scouting and Young Men's. He and Sherrie touched many lives in our family and in our ward. We love the Larsen family and send you thoughts and prayers. Love Dale and Kay

Dale and Kay Cherrington - January 14, 2015 at 10:09 PM



“ My kids ride the bus they he drove. They Loved him! My daughter wanted to paint him a picture for a Christmas gift but never finished it. Steve told Aleia to check out his paintings then paint him something similar. We loved all his artwork, but most especially the waterfalls. Every day the kids would ride over a big bump on their drive and Steve would let them stand up when they went over it. I can just imagine a bus full of excited anticipation, and then roling giggles after the bump. Tonight after they heard of his death, they decorated a tree behind our yard as a memorial of him. It had a bright colorful toy because he was a good artist, an icicle because he loved winter, golf balls because his 'favorite' kids lived by the golf course (my neighborhood) and a flipflop, because he is funny. We are grateful he was a part of their lives. Thanks.

Dixie Downing - January 14, 2015 at 08:50 PM