



## Stephan Tennis Crum

August 19, 1946 - September 27, 2014

Stephan "Steve" Tennis Crum, age 68 of Bluffton was called home to be with his Lord, Saturday Sept. 27, 2014 at 6:33am. He passed away at his home, with loved ones by his side.

Steve was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He moved up in rank to become Master Gunnery Sergeant. During his military service, Steve received several honors including a Rifle Sharp Shooter Badge, a Good Conduct Medal, a Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, a Navy Unit Commendation, a National Defense Service Medal, a Pistol Marksman Badge, an Overseas Ribbon, a Meritorious Service Medal, a Vietnamese Service Medal, a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, and a Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Ribbon. He enjoyed serving his Country and retired after 27 years of dedicated service. He was employed as a supervisor at Peyton Northern in Bluffton for 5 years. He went on to work at Walmart Supercenter in Bluffton, and retired after 10 years.

Steve loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and spending time with his family. He was a man of few words but could express his thoughts through a simple facial expression. He had a smile that could light up a room and a quiet chuckle that could melt your heart. He was a man of many titles, Husband, Brother, Dad, Pop, Poppy, Grandpa, but for anyone that knew him, they all called him a friend.

Steve was born to Tennis Jackson Crum and Mabel Louise (Chaffin) Crum on August 19, 1946, in Cookeville, TN. He was raised by his maternal

grandparents, Hiram and Sarah Chaffin in Cookeville, TN. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother David W. Crum, a sister Darlene Crum, and a grandson Zebulon R. Crum. Surviving are his wife, Sue Ellen (Bradburn) Crum of Bluffton, a sister Sandy (Charlie) Murray of Maryland, children, Jennifer (Olin) Lehman of Berne, Randall S. (Jennifer) Crum of Ft. Wayne, and Sarah, M. Crum of Berne, five stepdaughters, Melissa D. (Shawn) Velasquez of Bluffton, Annessa J. (Steven) Scheibelhut of Bluffton, Alisha E. Smith of Fort Wayne, Telisha E. Jensen of Surprise, Arizona, and Falisha S. (Duane) Biberstein of Monroe, 13 grandchildren, and 2 nieces.

“Marines don’t die, they are just called on to do another mission. I have a mission waiting for me in Heaven” -Steve Crum

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Pastor Dan York will officiate. Calling hours will be held from 2 to 8 on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery where military honors will honor Steve for his service and will be performed by the U.S. Marines Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Family Life Care. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send condolences to the Crum family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
(260) 824-2832  
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

OCT 1. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Stephan Tennis Crum*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - September 30, 2014 at 03:33 PM



“ *Stephan Tennis Crum*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sue and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed working with Steve here at Peyton's. You will be in my prayers.*

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**Bernie Kleinknight** - October 02, 2014 at 06:16 PM



“ *Steve was my supervisor when I worked out at Peyton's years ago. He was a good guy & always fair. My thoughts & prayers to Sue & family. May you find comfort & peace in the memories you have until you meet again.*

*-Brandy Gibson*

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**Brandy Gibson** - September 30, 2014 at 01:03 PM

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“ It has just been in the past several years that I got to know and love Steve. I will remember as long as I live the day Steve committed his life to Christ while in the hospital with me a couple of years ago Whether I was praying in person with him or even while away preaching on an Indian reservation camp. his response was always the same - he loved me having prayer with him! Never heard the man complain about his situation. The last time at Parkview when I prayed with him, he wanted to just be sure everything was still clear between his soul and Jesus so I prayed and he followed, then he went on to thank God for his wife Sue, for his family and for Gods love. He will be remembered. I told him I appreciated so much his service to our country and to mankind as a Marine. Goodbye for now Steve -we will meet again.

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**Pastor Dan York** - September 30, 2014 at 10:25 AM

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“ Friends and co-workers at Internet Archive purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Stephan Tennis Crum.



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**Friends and co-workers at Internet Archive** - September 29, 2014 at 09:02 AM

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“ I have many great memories of Mr. Crum! I had the pleasure of being friends with his daughters. One of the greatest memories was when I was in high school. Mr. Crum purchased concert tickets for Jenny Bean and I, that night he gave me the best birthday presents ever and that was the friendship we all had. Made my birthday special for me! He would go out of his way to help anyone who was in need had a very big heart and will always hold a special place in my heart! Prayers to the family and may God wrap his arms around you and give you much comfort.

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**Holly Bailey** - September 27, 2014 at 01:10 PM