



Steven J. Geist

August 27, 1951 - December 1, 2011

Steven J. Geist, 60, of Fort Wayne passed away at 8:45 p.m. Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, surrounded by his family.

Steven was born August 27, 1951 in Oceanside, Long Island, New York to John K. "Dick" and Edna B. (Cosby) Geist. His parents preceded him in death.

Steven graduated from Norwell High School in 1969. He also graduated from Ball State University in 1977 and from Indiana University in 1994. He has resided in Fort Wayne since the late 1970's and was a teacher in Fort Wayne Community Schools for twelve years. He was the recipient of the Channel 21 Golden Apple Teacher's Award and a member of Who's Who Among American Teachers. Steven was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bluffton and Eagles Lodge #248 of Fort Wayne.

Survivors include two sisters; Sandy Funk (husband: Rodney) of Roanoke, Indiana, Susan Smith (husband: Larry) of Elkhart, Indiana, two brothers; Larry Geist (wife: Judi) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Ric Geist (wife: Bev) of Fort Wayne, Indiana and several nieces and nephews.

Steven will be cremated. There will be a family memorial service at the Geist Meeting House in Reistertown, Maryland at a later date. Steven's ashes will

be interred in the Geist Cemetery in Reistertown. Preferred memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46814.

Thoma/Rich, Chaney & Lemler Funeral Home are in charge of the arrangements and cremation.

Tribute Wall



“ *He was my 5th grade teacher the year he won the golden apple. I was a very troubled kid with bad home life. I was so bad in class he invented Saturday detention just for me. I would come in and clean erasers and crush cans and just talk. I remember having to do Saturday detentions in the winter and he would have hot cocoa waiting for me... He changed the direction of my life and I'm forever grateful.* ”

Guile Hoffman - October 18, 2025 at 01:07 AM



“ *Steven J. Geist* ”

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear: Geist Family,

While reading the online obituary, I observed the death of your loved one. Death is an enemy to mankind and who can understand it? It can and does have a devastating effect on you and your family as well.

Can you imagine reading a newspaper with the headline "When Death is Swallowed Up Forever....." What a wonderful time that will be. Revelation 21:4 offers this hope, it states: "And he (God) will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." What a comforting hope.

If you would be interested in learning even more, I can send you a little tract that is entitled "What Hope for Dead Loved Ones"? If you have any Questions, please feel free to contact me at this e-mail address here (b.molina56@yahoo.com).

I offer my sincere condolences, may the God of peace be with you and your family.

Sincerely Yours,

Brandy Molina##imported-begin##Brandy Molina##imported-end##

January 21, 2012 at 10:51 AM



“ All three of our children attended Indian Village and all three had Steve as their teacher; he was their favorite. Our daughter, the youngest, had a relationship with him her entire six years at Indian Village; as a kindergartener, she was the “mascot” of her oldest brother’s class. Steve was special. We greatly appreciate what he did for our children in the classroom. We think very highly of him and believe the feeling has been mutual.

Greg and Pam Sullivan, Adam, Kyle, and Emma##imported-begin##Greg and Pam Sullivan##imported-end##

December 14, 2011 at 09:13 AM



“ RIP BIG GUY##imported-begin##Bill Szojak##imported-end##

December 10, 2011 at 09:37 AM



“ Ric, I was so sorry to read of your brothers passing. It sounds as though he was a great teacher. We need more like him. Hope you are doing well yourself.

Denise##imported-begin##Denise Milholland Grove##imported-end##

December 07, 2011 at 10:18 AM



“ When Steve and I taught together, he would sometimes pop into my first grade from the fifth grade just to tell a story or to talk to my students. They just loved having this attention from him! He didn't have to take the time to do that; but he was a nice, friendly person who made these little children feel important!##imported-begin##Mary Detlefsen##imported-end##

December 06, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Learning of Steve's passing comes as a shock to me since I was just thinking of him the other day and actually tried to search for any contact I might make on the internet. I haven't seen or talked to Steve since high school, but he left a wonderful impression on my life. I was this somewhat awkward Freshman and Steve was one of the few upper classmen that I remember that actually reached out and was a friend to me. I will never forget him even though we never crossed paths again. I wish we would have kept in contact.##imported-begin##Steve Bate##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 07:29 PM



“ Larry, Judi and Geist families,

I was very sorry to read of your brother's passing. Betsey and my thoughts and prayers will be with you.##imported-begin##Earnie Williamson##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 03:22 PM



“ To Sandy & Ric and all the Geist family,

Ted and I send our prayers and cares your way. I know that this is a great loss to all. A family that indeed defines family feels a great loss when one has died.

We wish you peace in the days ahead and warm and wonderful memories for Steve.

Know that old friends are thinking of you all.

Ted & Bonnie##imported-begin##Ted & Bonnie Ramsey##imported-end##

December 05, 2011 at 10:38 AM



“ *The last time we saw Steven in person was his junior or senior year at a high school spring concert.He was in his white dinner jacket looking very handsome. He saw me and came bounding over and we talked and he was his regular happy fun-loving self. Then many years later,he was on the news winning the Golden Apple Award...what a wonderful expression of love from his students. Understandingly so...Steven was always a loving and gracious person even as a teenager. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Tom and Phyllis (Hurraw) Barger##imported-end##*

December 05, 2011 at 09:35 AM

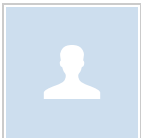


“ *" To one, now gone, Who always let his hunting partner claim a
downed bird"*

By Jimmy Carter

*I never knew he did not see
that sharing his own needs or pain
would be a showing of his trust,
not putting burdens off on us.
Nourished by his selflessness
we leaned on him too much and now
inexplicably have lost
what I thought we'd always have.
We never knew adversity,
except our own, to seam his face.
And now with every glimpse of human grace
he comes to mind, not welcome yet,
not with the ever-escorting grief.
There has to be a special place for him,
who held in more than he could bear
to shield the rest of us from care.
A rarity
who showed us what agape means.##imported-begin##Diane
Sliger##imported-end##*

December 05, 2011 at 08:38 AM



“ *Sandy and Family,
I was so sorry to hear of Steven's passing. I know you have many
fond memories that will help your family through these sad days.
My thoughts are with you.
Janet##imported-begin##Janet (Hedges)Farmer##imported-end##*

December 04, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ Larry and family - So sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Have great memories of all the Geist's at Lancaster Central. May God grant you beautiful memories at this time to bring you peace. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days, weeks and months. God Bless You All.
Glennis##imported-begin##Glennis (Schoeff) Henly##imported-end##

December 03, 2011 at 08:14 PM



“ Oh my brother, how I miss you. You were and always will be a special part of my life. The memories with the family and especially the fun times we shared playing like boys. All the gaming, model building, toasting history, camping, and just being "buddies". So much of my personality was learned and shared by you. My heart has another empty spot that will never fill again.
Oh my brother, how I miss you.##imported-begin##Ric & Bev Geist##imported-end##

December 02, 2011 at 11:24 AM