

Stephen A. Brinkoetter

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Decatur – Stephen A. Brinkoetter, 69, of Bloomington, formerly of Decatur, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL.

Steve was born on January 5, 1952, in Alton, IL, the son of William A. and Mary J. (Aungst) Brinkoetter. He worked as a pipefitter and project manager at T.A. Brinkoetter & Sons and retired in 2017 as facility manager at Tate & Lyle. Steve was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Decatur for many years before moving to Bloomington, IL, where he was a member of Epiphany Catholic Church. He was also a member of Knights of Columbus Darrell W. Beck Council #577 in Decatur. Steve loved to fish and especially enjoyed fishing with his children, grandchildren and friends. He married Darbe D. Dezort on July 24, 1976, in Decatur.

Steve is survived by his wife, Darbe of Bloomington; children: Cory (David) Rasho of Elmhurst, Drew (Laura) Brinkoetter of Chicago, and Bree (Daniel) Jacobsen of Downs; grandchildren: Miles, Norah and Eliza Rasho, Cole and Laney Jacobsen, and Arlo Brinkoetter; siblings: Lisa (Mark) Ross of TN, Jo Ellen (Tom) West of Mt. Zion and Bill (Jill) Brinkoetter of Champaign; along with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Greg Brinkoetter.

Visitation will be 10 am, Saturday, November 27, 2021, until the time of the funeral liturgy at 12 pm, at the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Burial will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Cancer Care Specialists of IL, 210 W. McKinley Ave, Suite 1, Decatur, IL 62526 or St. Teresa Educational Foundation, 2710 N. Water St., Decatur, IL 62526, stteresafoundation.org.

Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in charge of the arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.moranandgoebel.com.



Events

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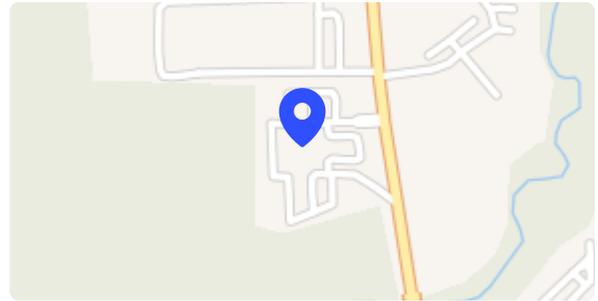
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, November 27, 2021

 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

 **Moran & Goebel Funeral Home**
2801 North Monroe Street, Decatur II 62526

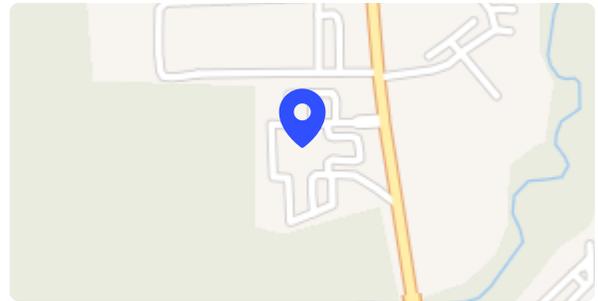


Funeral Liturgy

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 12:00 PM CT

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MH

Mary House posted:

I was looking for my father's obituary and was shocked to see Steve's and to read that Greg also had passed away. Steve was my second date—his friend Dave Wuellner the first. He taught me how to drive before I turned 16. I am so sorry to read this news. I used to see Bill in Champaign occasionally but haven't seen him in awhile although I read about him in the paper one time! My condolences to your whole family. What's Lisa up to these days? Mary Rudolph House

November 28 at 6:59 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Brinkoetter family.



November 26 at 2:08 PM

MS

Michael Schmitz posted:

Darbe: I was so sorry to hear about the death of Stephen. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Michael Schmitz

November 25 at 5:37 AM

SS

Steve Swango posted:

First met Steve while working in a food service at EIU in 1973, late that fall we became roommates and then along came Darbe and Jackie, we married a year apart and each of us had three kids close to the same age. When the kids were young we started vacationing together and we've vacationed together for 40 years, as late as this past August. It has been a blessing to have a friend like Steve for over 48 years, we had a lot of great times together, he will be greatly missed. Steve and Jackie Swango

November 24 at 1:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Brinkoetter family.



November 24 at 9:46 AM



Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Brinkoetter family.



November 23 at 12:51 PM



Debra Behme lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

Our condolences and heart felt prayers to you and your family. May God's love & peace surround you always . You are loved, Bruce & Debra Behme



November 23 at 1:16 AM



Pam Ambeau posted:

Steve was my boss at Tate and Lyle mailroom, he was a person that didn't know when he was serious always kept a straight face. This was a real surprise to hear this. He was a true Cubs fan and I was a Cards fan every year since he retired we made wagers on the games between these two teams, last couple years I came out ahead, I am sure going to miss these wagers when ball season starts up again RIP Steve

November 22 at 2:43 PM



Mark Ross posted:

During these last few years Steve and I had spent a significant amount of time together, nearly weekly, chasing crappies at Lake Shelbyville, Illinois. The very first time out, Steve had missed a number of bites, yanking up up an empty hook (no fish). After become frustrated with missing these bites, he began slapping the water with his rod-tip with each subsequent miss. Well, after witnessing this several slapping of the water with his pole episodes, I advised him how embarrassing it was for me to witness these outburst of obvious anger on his part over some little fish 🙄🙄. With that Brinkoetter scowl, he advised me I would need to find someone else to fish with. From that moment forward, I was subjected to Steve's rath for my every blunder, which were many, while we fished together. Steve was my best fishing partner ever, and will be missed every day, especially when I'm on the water. Have good fishing up there in Heaven Steve. With the Lords blessing, I'll meet you on the water again.

November 22 at 1:52 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Stephen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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