



Stephen Kulzer

January 15, 1956 - January 26, 2013

Stephen Kulzer, age 57, of Mahnomen, MN, died Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Sanford Palliative Care in Fargo, ND.

Stephen Albert Kulzer was born January 15, 1956 in Crookston, MN, the son of Melvin and Anna Mary (Sand) Kulzer. He grew up and attended school in Bejou and graduated high school from Mahnomen with the class of 1974. He continued his education with a degree from Staples, MN, in heavy equipment operating.

In 1975, Steve was united in marriage to Cindy Hextell. The couple later divorced. In July of 1989, Steve became a husband to Teresa Sorgaard and father to Kelsey. They lived in Bejou for a time before moving to the Sorgaard family farm, where he and his daughter and granddaughter lived together. For only a short amount of time, Steve was Grandpa, but he treasured every moment spent with Kelsey and Lyla. The past 30+ years, Steve has worked at the feed plant, starting at the elevator in Callaway, MN, and then to Mahnomen.

A true outdoor enthusiast, Steve loved hunting and fishing as much as possible. He enjoyed the peace and quiet of his home in the country and that he was able to see the lake from his kitchen window. Steve was a man of routine, hardly ever taking a day off from his job at the elevator. He also kept a clean and organized house and his yard was immaculately trimmed, almost obsessively! In his spare time, Steve liked to tinker in the garage and listen to old time rock-n-roll, especially the Beatles. When he was younger, he played

softball, but as his knees gave out, he was only able to watch and base coach his nieces, which he loved. Steve also enjoyed watching the MN Vikings, MN Twins and the NDSU Bison.

Steve is survived by a daughter, Kelsey Sorgaard and granddaughter, Lyla Vedbraaten of Mahnomen; six brothers: James (Marg), Detroit Lakes, MN, Michael, Moorhead, MN, Joseph (Lynette) Beltrami, MN, David (Candace) Bejou, MN, Mark, Bejou, and Matthew (Lindi) Detroit Lakes; six sisters: Marlene (Sal) Ligamaro, San Jose, CA, Diane (Laurance "Sonny") Osenga, Bejou, Patricia Vanderklaauw, Miami, FL, Clara (Ron) Pottle, Indiana Trail, NC; Donna (Lynn) Hewitt, South Jordan, UT and Laura (Gene) Bendickson, Bejou; many nieces; nephews and cousins.

Preceding Steve in death were his parents; a sister, Elizabeth Gillette, a brother, Peter Kulzer; a nephew, Jacob Kulzer; and a great-niece, Lily Korra Hintze.

Funeral Services were held Thursday, January 31 at 2:00 pm at St. Michael's Church in Mahnomen. Visitation was held one hour prior.

Rosary was held on Wednesday, January 30th at 6:30 pm at Anderson~Mattson Funeral Home in Mahnomen.

Tribute Wall

DA

“ To Stephen's Family: I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". (2 Cor. 1: 3, 4). Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

D. Anderson - May 13, 2013 at 12:32 PM

RK

“ I have many fond memories of Steve when I was a little girl, and appreciate the close bond he kept with our family and attending our special events. He was one of the good guys that will truly be missed.

Rachel "Hextell" Kipp - January 31, 2013 at 09:44 PM

GN

“ Deepest sympathies to the family of Steve. I have known Steve since I was little. In my younger days when I would hang out at the elevator he was always eager to give me a hard time - as I got older that never changed! I will never forget that about him. Such a great guy who was taken to soon. Try to find comfort in knowing that he is free of pain and guiding you from above. Gina Noll

Gina Noll - January 31, 2013 at 01:10 PM

PM

“ My heart goes out to the Kulzer families at this difficult time. I have known Steve my whole life and consider him a good friend. Growing up in the Bejou area with him, there are so many fun, good memories. Those I will cherish forever! He will be missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace Steve. God Bless!

Pam (McCollum) Miller - January 31, 2013 at 12:30 PM

JS

“ I know many years have passed and I am deeply sorry to hear about Steve. I just wanted to say you are all in my thoughts and prayers. "Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same".-- Unknown
Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Joann Oppgard-Schultz

Joann Schultz - January 30, 2013 at 10:41 PM

DJ

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family of Steve. A fellow 1974 classmate - he will be so missed!

Darcy Johnson - January 30, 2013 at 10:10 PM

NG

“ May the love and memories you all have of Steve in your hearts, comfort your selves and others at this very difficult time. Thinking of you all!!

Nancy Gish-Fiedler - January 30, 2013 at 09:54 PM

WU

“ MY SYMPATHY TO THE KULZER FAMILY ON THE DEATH OF STEPHEN. YEARS AGO I WORKED WITH DAD MELVIN WHEN BUILDING THE ELEVATOR IN MAHNOMEN. MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. BLESSINGS, WAYNE

WAYNE UHLIR - January 30, 2013 at 08:43 PM

ZT

“ To the family of Steve Kulzer, So sorry to hear about the passing of Steve, he was a classmate and friend to both of us. We will miss him. Mike & Zetta Thompson

ZETTA THOMPSON - January 30, 2013 at 01:24 PM

VH

“ God's Blessings at this difficult time. You are in out thoughts and prayers.

Vicky & Bob Hlubek - January 29, 2013 at 09:15 PM

JP

“ The type of student you enjoyed having in class.

John C. Peterick - January 29, 2013 at 04:00 PM

MS

“ Rest in Peace Steve, You were an awesome man with a heart of gold. You will be missed dearly. Always : your Ex-co worker, Marilyn

Marilyn(Brunner) Soden - January 29, 2013 at 08:44 AM

ED

“ I am so sorry to hear of your families loss. Life is taken away so many times to early. May God help you all through this difficult time. I would love to hear from Donna sometime. Seems we all drift away and get to busy to remember our friends. Kindest Regards, Everett Darco

Everett C Darco - January 28, 2013 at 06:10 PM

DK

“ To the family of Steve Kulzer,
We were saddened to hear of Steve's passing. Our prayers and deepest sympathy to the family.
Doug & Joanie

Doug & Joanie Kramer - January 28, 2013 at 05:08 PM