



Steven Glenn VanKleeck

June 2, 1951 - January 17, 2023

Steven Glenn VanKleeck, 71, of Hampton, passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the arms of his wife at his home in Hampton from Parkinson's and dementia.

Steve was born on June 2, 1951, in Charles City, to Garland Glenn and Marjorie Delores (Shaw) VanKleeck. He attended Hampton High School where he played football, basketball and was on the track team. He graduated from there in 1969, continued to be a sports fan and especially loved to watch football and wrestling.

While attending college at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. He underwent surgery and treatment in Rochester, MN, but the tumor left him to struggle with his memory. Despite this challenge, he enjoyed a full life with family and friends.

Steve purchased the family business, Floor Krafters, from his father in 1988. He managed the store for many years until he retired in 2007. When he was away from work, he enjoyed dancing, computer games, crossword puzzles, listening to music, playing tennis, and going on walks. He was a member of Hampton United Methodist Church where he served on the board of trustees. He was also a member of the Lions Club and helped with meals and bingo.

Steve met his wife Mardell when he was asked to be her partner and help fill a ballroom dance class. They enjoyed it very much and continued to take classes and dance together at the Surf Ballroom. Five years later, Steve and Mardell were united in marriage on, September 18, 1993, at Hampton United Methodist Church with their wedding dance at the Surf to commemorate the place where they had spent much time together.

He also enjoyed spending time with his family on the VanKleeck family vacations. He was able to participate in and create memories at many of them. With his declining health, the last vacation he was able to attend was in 2021 when the family went to Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Paul in infancy, and sister Judy Straw.

Steve is survived by his wife Mardell VanKleeck of Hampton, brother Stanley (Debbie) VanKleeck of Arizona, sister Joan Mulford of Texas, sister-in-law Marcee Sidmore (Mike Pals) of Hampton, sister-in-law Marcia (Michael) Laube of Minnesota, along with several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nephews, cousins and their families.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Hampton. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at Hampton United Methodist Church followed by the burial at the Hampton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be directed to the Hampton United Methodist Church for the purchase of a portable heart defibrillator. This purchase is fitting as Steve was so caring of others and if he could save a life with this, it would be seen as great honor to him.

The family would like to thank Mercy One Hospice, especially Arlene, and the hospital staff at Franklin General who helped Steve numerous times as well.

Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Hampton is caring for Steve and his family.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

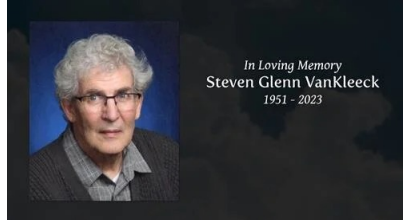
JAN **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hampton United Methodist Church
100 Central Ave E.
Hampton, IA 50441

Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven Glenn VanKleeck



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - January 23, 2023 at 12:13 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Steven Glenn VanKleeck.



January 23, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Glenn VanKleeck.



January 22, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Spent many hours with Steve especially on the tennis court and an occasional round of golf. He was a very gentle soul.

Alan Ferris - January 20, 2023 at 08:21 PM

JZ

“ So sorry to hear about Steve's passing. His kind smile and gentle manner will be missed. I enjoyed being with him at our reunions; his absence will be felt by all of us. Mardel, I hope to see you at the next one. Sending love and hugs to you, Joan and the rest of the family.

Julie Ziegler - January 20, 2023 at 01:49 PM

LK

“ I did not know he passed. It was a shock, but that is life. I worked at Floor Krafters for 18 years with him and a few years also with Gar. Steve was always polite and kind. And he loved all his family. Lois

Lois Krueger - January 19, 2023 at 09:28 PM

SF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was always a kind and gentle person. Syl has good memories of attending grade school with him at Park Elementary and we both enjoyed spending time with him throughout high school and reconnecting at the class reunions. He will be sorely missed, but leaves a legacy of good memories for all who knew him.
Gary & Sylvia Funnell

Syl Funnell - January 19, 2023 at 12:34 AM

DR

“ Mardel, We are so sorry to learn of Steve's passing. You have many good memories to help you through this sad and difficult time. May God Bless and sustain you. Deb and Tim Roberts

Deb Roberts - January 18, 2023 at 09:24 PM

SV

“ 9 files added to the album Steve and family



Stanley G VanKleeck - January 18, 2023 at 07:26 PM

JE

“ Steve had such a kind soul. I loved him dearly as one of my best friends since grade school. The VanKleeck family means so much to me. You are all in my thoughts knowing this comes so soon after Judy's passing. Steve will be missed by so many who loved him. RIP Beaver!!!!!!

Jolyne A EDWARDS - January 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM

BM

“ Steve hired me as a young kid to help him clean carpets around town. He was a great boss (patient) and an exceptional person (very kind), always genuinely interested in chatting and catching up. I'm sorry to hear of his passing.

Brad Muller - January 18, 2023 at 09:50 AM

RS

“ Steve - What an honorable man. He was always kind to my elderly mother and never seemed to mind taking a little extra time to stay and chat with her once the work was finished.

Mardel - You made him whole.....one of Hampton's finest couples...for sure!

Rest in Peace, sweet Steve!

Rick and Julie Salvesen

Rick and Julie Salvesen - January 17, 2023 at 07:46 PM