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Stephen E. Sullivan, 66, of Clinton, passed away, Sunday, August 13, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral Services will be 11:00am, Friday, August 18, 2023 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Kevin Sullivan, David Sullivan, Matt Sullivan, Daniel Sullivan, Will Bentley, and Devyn Hill. Visitation will be from 9:00am to the service time Friday at the funeral home.

Stephen Edward Sullivan was born on August 7, 1957, the son of Vernon and Dorothy (Hughes) Sullivan. He was a 1976 graduate of Clinton High School. He married Sherri Hopkins on December 17, 1976 in Clinton.

Steve was a man of few words until he got telling his stories of: His childhood days of getting caught in a power take-off shaft, telling about his Mommas pet pig, the numerous country road trips with his brother Kevin & the in-famous Dalton Lake, the big rig expeditions with his brother Mike, and the numerous made up stories of his friends Stimpy & Gonzalez-Gonzalez.

He was a hardworking, dependable man beginning at a very young age delivering newspapers & then into the pressroom at the Clinton Herald as a teenager. From there he worked a short time for International Harvester then went on the road for 3-4 years as a truck driver. The time away from family was too much. He was a welder by trade, moved the family to California and got a welding job at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft where he spent 8 years before they shut down. Not a fan of the fast life of California, he moved the family back to Iowa and took a job with Merivic Construction as an Ironworker/welder. After several years there, he eventually got a job as a welder at the Rock Island Arsenal where he has worked the last 18 years until his illness. With his various jobs over the years, he always had side jobs of mowing several lawns & snow shoveling.

Steve graduated High School in 1976 and took several college courses related to his welding career. While in California he entered numerous welding competitions where he received



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several medals & certifications taking 1st place in many of those. His family was everything! He would sacrifice his own well-being to see them happy & enjoying life. He loved attending family gatherings where he could catch up on visits & stories. His love for kids was always noticed, as anytime there was infants/toddlers in the room, they would find their way into Steve's arms. Steve and his family opened their home to foster care for a few years & loved the kids like their own. Steve never saw himself as the kind, loving, giving, polite, and wonderful man he was. Those around him saw it and loved him for all those reasons. Family, friends, and even strangers could just about count on Steve for anything. He has left us with many sweet, funny, sad, and sometimes crazy memories and all these will ALWAYS keep him in our hearts FOREVER!

Steve is survived by his wife: Sherri of Clinton; two sons: Shawn (Melissa) Sullivan of Clinton, Ryan (Jackie) Sullivan of Preston; two grandchildren: Abby and Wyatt; his siblings: Kevin (Sharae) Sullivan of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Rosemary Sullivan of Wilton, Iowa, Gloriann (Scott) Davis of Hannibal, Missouri, Beverly (Henry) Bentley of Durant, Iowa, and Eileen (Sarne Moore) Sullivan of Wilton, Iowa and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two granddaughters: Addy Jepsen and Olivia Sullivan; and his brother: Mike Sullivan.

Memorials can be made to the Clinton Humane Society or the Vince Jetter Community Center.



Events

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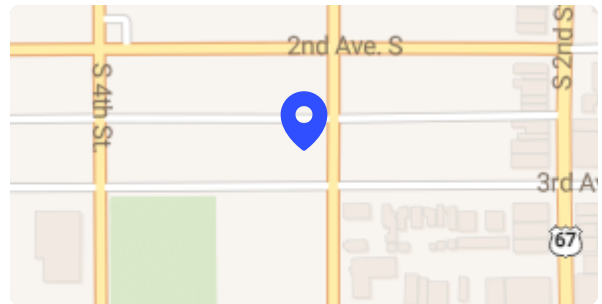
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Visitation

Friday, August 18, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732

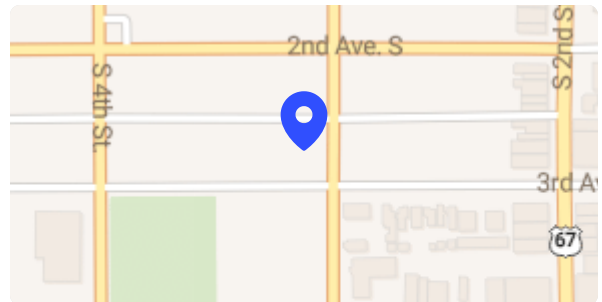


Funeral Service

Friday, August 18, 2023

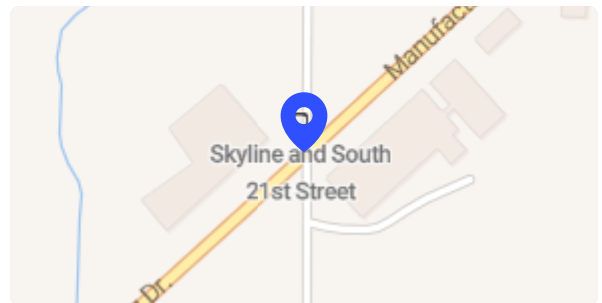
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM CT

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Cemetery Details

Clinton Lawn Cemetery
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





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



August 17 at 7:28 PM



Dawn Eickert posted:

Sherry I am so sorry to hear this prayers go out to you and your family thinking of you during this hard time.

August 17 at 6:15 AM



Linda Graves posted:

Sherry I am so sorry ...prayers to you & your family .

August 16 at 8:42 AM



Kim Tack lit a candle in honor of Stephen.

Sherry & Family, I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. He was such a kind and happy man. I remember when Dad and Steve use to go to water aerobics and how much fun Dad had joking with and teasing Steve. Dad had such enjoyed him so much. As did my Aunt Isy, when Steve would drive her and Jackie to Church on Sundays. Aunt Isy would always say, That Steve is such a nice guy. He would drive us two complaining bitties (referring to her and Jackie) around after church, giggling at us and not say a word! LOL... Steve will be missed for sure. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you! FLY HIGH with those angels Steve!



August 16 at 7:42 AM



Sherri Sullivan August 17 at 6:37 AM

Thanks Kim for your kind words & great memories! They made me chuckle. Steve always enjoyed your Dad & loved the time spent with the "old bitties".



Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Sullivan family.



August 15 at 5:39 AM



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Sheila Gould Smith posted:

Sherri, I am so sorry to hear this. I saw the name but didn't make the connection. I pray that remembering the good times will help you through. Sheila Smith

August 14 at 11:03 AM



Teresa Azure August 16 at 3:22 AM

Sherri, so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. My thoughts and prayers to you and your family.
Teresa azure (kiefer)



Memories only last if you share them

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



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