



Donald F. Steen

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Donald F. Steen, 76, of Clinton, passed away, Sunday, September 15, 2024 at MercyOne-Dubuque.

Services will be 10:00am, Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00pm Friday at the funeral home.

Donald Frederick Steen was born on March 20, 1948 in Clinton, the son of Herbert and Ruth (Camp) Steen. He was a 1966 graduate of Northeast High School and attended Waldorf College. He married Joyce Franklin on August 4, 1967 in Clarksville, Iowa.

Don was employed with the telephone company for 42 years retiring in 2008. He was also involved with the ski patrol at Chestnut Mountain for 48 years.

Don enjoyed skiing and was the National Ski Patroller of the Year from 2010-2011. He was a Jaycee-I Senator, enjoyed fishing, drinking coffee, and most of all spending time with his family.

Don is survived by his wife: Joyce of Clinton; their children: Tracy (Oscar) Madrigal of Rosenberg, Texas, Todd (Amy) Steen of Webster City, Iowa, and Jodi Chapman of Clinton; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his sister: Sharon Tinkler of Walcott, Iowa, and his brother: Gary (Monica) Steen of Bryant. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Chuck.

Memorials can be made to the Chestnut Ski Patrol.



Events


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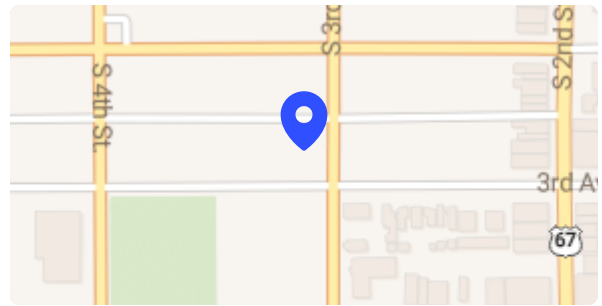
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Visitation

 **Friday**, September 20, 2024

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT


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

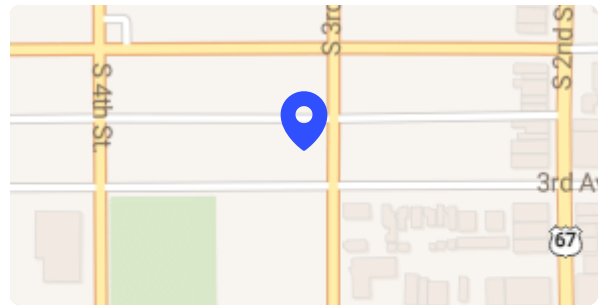


Funeral Service

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 10:00 AM CT

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Stan Bates (A Friend) posted:

My condolences to Joyce and family. I met Don long before our telco days. I use to stay at my Grand Parents house at 418 N3rd st for two weeks in the late 50's and Don was always visiting just 3 doors down. What times we had then, how surprised I was to find him in the Central Office years later. Always a happy man to work with and be around. He will be missed by many.

September 20 at 10:25 AM



Sage Steen posted:

I only have fond memories of Uncle Don, he will be missed. Sydney and I are praying for everyone in this difficult time.

September 20 at 8:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Steen family.



September 20 at 6:38 AM



The Four Lakes Ski Patrol sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Steen family.



September 19 at 7:23 PM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Steen family.



September 19 at 4:34 PM



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Kailey Hamdorf posted:

Don always had a smile on his face when I stopped by his house. He always liked his chicken bakes and icecream bars and summer sausage and got upset if I didn't have them but always gave me amazing advice, and Told me I would go far in life and never to give up. I absolutely adored him and Joyce both. Thoughts and prayers to the family during this time- Kailey Hamdorf AKA your old schwans lady

September 19 at 4:27 PM



Steve Olson posted:

Our deepest condolences to Dan's family.He was always nice and friendly to all of us, he will be missed.Bob,Carol, Steve Olson

September 19 at 3:31 PM



Jeannie Coates posted:

My sincerest condolences to Don's family. He was a true friend and my biggest cheerleader as I go back to school for nursing. He always made sure to let the nurses at Mercy know that I am on my way to becoming a great nurse. I didn't know who to call yesterday when I completed another clinical. At Chestnut he was a calm papa bear that held everything together, and always had and clever word to make us laugh. I am truly heartbroken, and hope that wherever he is now, he is skiing.

September 19 at 9:43 AM



Hidden Valley Ski Patrol, St Louis, Mo sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Steen family.



September 19 at 6:29 AM



Sundown Mountain Ski Patrol sent a Small Garden Dish to the Steen family.



September 18 at 5:08 PM



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Wayne&Marlene, Allen&Roxy Anderson sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steen family.

September 18 at 4:03 PM



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

September 18 at 3:58 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Steen family.

September 18 at 10:52 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Steen family.

September 18 at 4:30 AM



Brian And Angie Schreck sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steen family.

September 18 at 2:39 AM



Laura Schauer posted:

It's difficult to grasp how many lives Don has touched over the years at Chestnut. Always the professional but he knew how to have fun! He always had a radio clipped to him and he didn't rest until the hill was officially closed for the night. He looked out for everyone at Chestnut and everyone looked up to him. If you had a question- Ask Don. I'm going miss not hearing "Don Steen" on the radio! Rest Easy Don- Say Hi to Glenn and Tom and remember to "use discretion" but "raise a little hell" too.

September 17 at 4:14 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Steen family.



September 17 at 2:44 AM



Jeannie Baker sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Steen family.



September 16 at 5:02 PM



M.Grey posted:

To my rock! Thank you for always being there...With love, gratitude. and admiration. You will be dearly missed! Maryanne

September 16 at 1:15 PM



Chuck And Janice Burns sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Steen family.

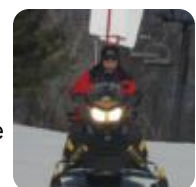


September 16 at 10:54 AM



Rebecca Hatfield shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have know Steen for many, many years. He was a staple in our Chestnut Ski Patrol Family. The Nut will not be the same without him. Until we meet again we will continue to carry on.



September 16 at 9:51 AM



Sue Smith September 18 at 4:42 AM

this picture says it all; If ever there was a "fearless leader".....



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Carol posted:

I enjoyed ski patrol with my husband while Don was in charge . Remember the good times. Carol

September 16 at 9:36 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Steen family.



September 16 at 8:48 AM



Patty Flynn posted:

Don was one of the nicest guys that I worked with at the phone company. I'm glad I was able to visit with him last week. He will be missed very much. Thoughts and prayers are with you Joyce and your family. Patty Flynn

September 16 at 8:24 AM



Deb Simkin posted:

Joyce, Tracy, Todd and Jodi - sending you all lots of peace and comfort. Donnie was one of the funniest people I've known and always had a smile going. He was really helpful to mom after dad died. Savor the memories - they really help.

September 16 at 8:09 AM



Tracy September 20 at 9:09 AM

I figure Dad and Bill are already trying to see what they can get away with.



Michael Schuler posted:

We always had a good laugh everytime we got to take lunch together. Gonna be missed...

September 16 at 6:10 AM



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MS

Martin And Carolyn Shook posted:

Thank you Don for all the memories in the telephone and Jaycee years and all the laughs we shared. You were the greatness!

September 16 at 5:10 AM

RM

Rocky Martinez posted:

Don impacted my life in a beautiful way. He believed in me and showed me that I too could make a difference. He is and always will be a hero to me. He made a difference to so many people. He will be missed , but forever loved.

September 15 at 5:21 PM

MD

Maria L Dreyer posted:

So sad to see this. I worked at chestnut, Don had a great sense of humor and loved deep fried hot dogs. He will be missed that is for sure.

September 15 at 5:16 PM

MA

Mike And Dee Dee Aadson posted:

Our deepest condolences to Don's family. May God grant you comfort and peace. Mike & Dee Dee Aadson

September 15 at 4:59 PM

BR

Brian posted:

Its not going to be the same without Don around, I'm really going to miss him.

September 15 at 3:45 PM

JP

Jack Phillips posted:

So many memories of this life long friendship. Memories from working together to years on ski patrol together. What a treasured friend! How do we say goodbye? We don't, we will see you on the other side dear friend! Love Jack and Judy

September 15 at 2:50 PM



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DA

Deb Allison posted:

Joyce, Todd, Tracy and Jodi - my thoughts are with you at this difficult time. The number of people Don touched in his life are too many to count. He was always a great guiding force to all. His contributions to the Chestnut Ski Patrol, Southern Region, Central Division and the National Ski Patrol are too many to list. He was such a part of Chestnut Patrol and his legacy will live on. Memories of him climbing up tree's, dancing on the fireplace mantel, zipping around on the snowmobile all bring a smile to my face. He was such a great mentor to me. Rest in Peace Don and Raise a Little Hell!! Deb

September 15 at 2:48 PM

MV

Mark & Andrew Vanosdol September 18 at 10:44 AM

It's hard for me even to put into words how great a guy Don was. I've worked with him at Chestnut since the day he started as a Patrol candidate. He always had a smile on his face even when he was upset with you for doing something that you shouldn't have. And believe me I was one of those people who probably did things I shouldn't. So Don and family please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

JB

Jeannie Baker September 16 at 4:54 PM

He will always be Donnie to me. He was one of my most favorite cousins. He always made me laugh, great sense of humor. He took me & some other cousins to show us how beautiful Galena, Illinois was in the dark of night! We still laugh about that. He will be greatly missed by so many! Until we meet again, save a place in heaven for me! Love you, Jeannie Baker

KH

Kathy Heider September 15 at 4:19 PM

Don was a great guy! My most memorable times with Don were at the Chicago Ski/Snow Show that I volunteered to work at every year. I was always glad to see him. We both talked about our knee replacement and how it was working. Heaven will be getting a great Angel. Kathy Heiderman



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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