



Dr. Steven K. Olsen

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Steven Kent Olsen Obituary

Steve was born on November 20, 1944 in Spanish Fork, UT, in a little one-room hospital to Earl Clarence Olsen and Adela Faux Olsen, the second child of three, (David, the oldest, and Kathy, the youngest) in the Olsen family. From his autobiography, Steve stated “I’m glad I was born during the war because I was raised when being a patriotic American was not only prevalent, but lovingly fashionable.” Steve loved America!

His family also lived in Provo and then Kearns, where he attended Granger High School and served as student body president, as well as lettering in track (high hurdles), and football. It seemed he had a real talent for lifting school spirit and organizing everyone to have a great time.

Always a leader, Steve absolutely loved school, activities, friends and teachers. He summed it up this way, “My senior year was the most magnificent time of my life up until then and a true experience of 'Happy Days.'”

Steve served as a missionary from 1964-1966 in the Northern California Mission, centered in Oakland, California, for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Loving the gospel as he did, and with his energy, enthusiasm, leadership skills and joy of teaching all he met, he had great success baptizing many while introducing them to an understanding of God.

After serving his full-time mission, Steve attended and graduated from Brigham Young University, where he made many lasting friendships. With a life goal of having a career in dentistry, Steve, as he always did no matter the obstacle, found a way to make it happen. Working incredibly hard to support himself as a pharmaceutical representative for two years after graduating from BYU, he saved enough to attend the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco, graduating with his DDS degree in 1974.



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His life in dentistry again required determination when, in 1975, he founded Embarcadero Dentistry and embarked on creating a multi-disciplinary dental office in the heart of San Francisco's Financial District that continues to this very day providing professional dental services in all aspects of dentistry. Steve cultivated a family atmosphere with all the doctors and staff and would often say, "We're all one big happy family." Nothing could be more accurate and exactly how he envisioned his office to be.

Steve lived for 44 years in his beautiful home in Woodside, California. It was a paradise for Steve and so many who lived and visited there and were always met with a "welcome home" hug and smile. As always, he made it happen!

Steve is survived by his wife, Shari, his sister, Kathy, four children, four step-children, 14 grandchildren and 10 nieces and nephews. He loved his family more than anything and they loved him dearly. He had a perfect ability to make everyone feel they were absolutely worthwhile. He knew the importance of listening and offered great advice, as well as a path to reach desired goals, often providing employment and support to assure success. The gifts Steve had, which he shared abundantly, extended well beyond his immediate family to many, many others who were blessed to join his ever-widening family of love, support and generosity.

The memorial service to honor Steve's amazing life will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Highway 92 and Skyline Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402, at 12:00 noon. Burial will be in the Cypress Circle location following the indoor memorial service in the Crystal Springs Chapel at Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park.



Events

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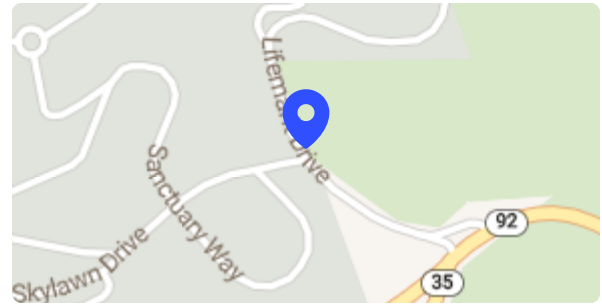
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Funeral Service

Saturday, August 13, 2022

12:00 PM PT

Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park
Lifemark Center at Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo CA 94402

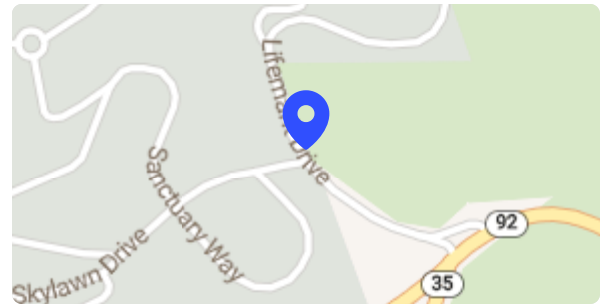


Burial Service to follow

Saturday, August 13, 2022

2:00 PM PT

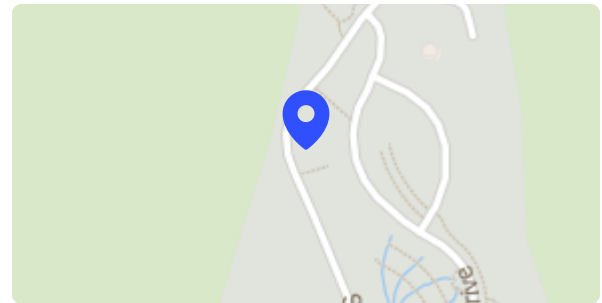
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Cemetery Details

Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park
100 Lifemark Rd, San Mateo CA 94062-4592

(650) 437-1986





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CB

Charles "Chuck" Bird posted:

I'm just now finding out of Steve's passing. I go back a long time ago with Steve. In 1966 he had returned from his mission and was a floor supervisor in "T" Hall of Deseret Towers. I lived across the hall from him. I was all of 17 years old, away from home for the first time and without any close friends at BYU. Steve became a good friend and role model in my young life. What he had, I wanted. I had not been planning on serving a full time mission for the church. That all changed having met "SKOLSON." He was the big brother I never had. He showed an interest in me. His many positive traits shown like a beacon in a light house. Living a good life set the pattern for me to follow. Soon I was serving on a mission in Chile. I never saw him again but his life's example was huge in my development as a young man. Sometimes we never know who or how much our example was for others.

May 15 at 7:00 PM

RI

Rick posted:

When I first came to the Bay Area I found and met Dr. Olsen and he became our family dentist through the years. I always found him to be friendly and kind with a smile. He could make us all feel like we were a close friend that he was happy to see again. He put us at ease and would always say "well, we'll get you all fixed up. The good thing is that you're here". He was a good man and he would always ask about my family and gush with pride when speaking of his to me. Rest In Peace, friend.

September 27 at 5:40 PM

SO

Shari Olsen October 28 at 6:36 AM

What a beautiful tribute about Steve. Thank you for making my day a very positive one. Steve was an amazing man and a perfect husband for me. Shari Olsen

Jl

Jennifer Isaac posted:

We just learned the very sad news about Steven yesterday and wish to send our condolences to his family and to all at Embarcadero Dentistry. My husband Noel was one of Steven's very first patients in 1975 and recommended him to me when I first arrived in SFO in 1979. I was likely one of his most difficult patients given my dentophobia, but Steven was unfailingly kind, gentle and able to comfortably get me through whatever needed to be done - and a lot needed to be done in all these years! We talked about scuba diving, travel destinations, the outdoors and more. The last time I saw him, just in May, he told me about this year's glorious display of the 10,000 daffodils planted in their garden - so that is how I will choose to remember him, a good and kind man surrounded by nature's beauty. He will be greatly missed. Jennifer & Noel Isaac

August 23 at 3:09 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olsen family.



August 22 at 2:45 PM



Linda Wells posted:

Oh I just learned of Dr. Olson's passing today. He was my dentist for more than 30 years. I really appreciate his compassion. I have had a lot of ups and downs in my life and he was a steadfast physician, always there to serve and always willing to listen. Sending my deepest condolences to his family and friends and to the members of Embarcadero Dentistry.

August 22 at 10:23 AM



V.H.D. posted:

I was very sad to learn about Dr. Olsen's passing yesterday and I wanted to pass along my condolences to his family. He was my dentist since the late 1980s until this year. I will truly miss him. (He had the uncanny ability to give you a shot that you didn't even feel.) I hope the family knows how much his patients appreciated the time and dedication he gave to them. I always left his office with a sore mouth and smile on my face.

August 16 at 4:54 AM



Alan Newman posted:

I am very saddened to hear about Steve. I remember when he had his apartment in dental school and would cut my hair and regale me with his stories. He will be missed. Alan Newman '74B

August 15 at 1:43 PM



Ned Gorman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Dr. Steven.



August 13 at 9:40 AM



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Ned Gorman posted:

Remembering a dear and great soul, a superb professional --- a gracious gentleman. Rest In Peace, dear Steve.

August 13 at 9:31 AM



Ken Chidester posted:

Steve grew up in a house directly across the street from our home in Kearns. I'm a year older but always admired him for his drive, leadership qualities, and kindness, especially to his mom. Over the college years I remember some sharing our experiences. Ken Chidester

August 13 at 7:14 AM



Sean, Gena, Mark, And Josie Dalziel sent a Serene Retreat to the Olsen family.



August 11 at 3:35 PM



Genevieve Groesbeck posted:

Steve Olsen grew up in my home ward in the Kearns 9th, 16th Ward, Kearns Utah Stake. He was the Granger HS Student Body President my Senior year. Then unbeknownst to me, left on his mission to the Northern California Mission and was a companion to my husband, Pete Groesbeck. His Mother played the organ in our ward my whole life until my Mother took over. He lived an exemplary life. Our condolences to Steve's family at this time.

August 10 at 8:20 PM



The Doctors And Dental Assistants sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Olsen family.



August 10 at 11:43 AM



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Front Office & Sterilization sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Olsen family.

August 10 at 11:25 AM



Ron And Rose Bergloff And Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Olsen family.

August 10 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Olsen family.

August 9 at 4:48 PM



Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Olsen family.

August 9 at 7:36 AM



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

August 8 at 7:02 PM



Stan And Joann Child posted:

Dear Kathy, Brian and family, We are saddened by the news of Steve's passing. He was very accomplished both professionally and spiritually. He was an example of a true disciple of Jesus Christ and one who stayed faithful no matter the trials he was asked to endure. He loves his family and friends and has always showed his love through word and deed. His passing has left a void in your life but through the beautiful Plan of Salvation you can rest assured he isn't far from you....for families are forever. May you feel comfort and peace. We love you, Stan and JoAnn Child

August 8 at 4:20 PM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Olsen family.



August 8 at 2:39 PM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Olsen family.



August 8 at 2:11 PM



Anonymous sent an A New Sunrise Spray to the Olsen family.



August 8 at 9:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Olsen family.



August 6 at 6:46 PM



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RH

Russell Harris posted:

Steven K Olsen was a very energetic, optimistic and courageous man. He would 'Always' greet his employees with a warm smile and a kind thought. I have known him for almost 50 years. Steve did not live softly. He lived large, he lived proud and he loved helping those around him. Steve had a huge influence on my life and I feel lucky to have had his guidance. Many, many people will miss Dr. Olsen, and those that got to know him the best will miss him the most. If I had to guess what Steve might say to all of us right now? I believe it would be this: "All is well, my friends, All is well."

August 6 at 5:38 PM

RC

Roger A. Craven July 9 at 9:17 PM

I have just learned of Steve's unfortunate passing. It is a sad day for me because like so many others I was also a recipient of Steve's extreme kindness, generosity of wisdom, leadership and invitation to improve my life with his assistance and friendship. I will be eternally grateful that our paths crossed and I had the very fortunate opportunity to be part of the early days in Woodside and learn many valuable lessons of life through Steve. I have thought of him often and wished for his friendship of the early years. Steve was "the greatest" absolutely friend one could ever have. Thanks for all you did. Rest in Peace my friend. Roger Craven

SO

Shari Olsen October 28 at 6:42 AM

Russ, you said it all beautifully! You knew him so well and the relationship was one of trust, loyalty, mutual admiration and joy. Thank you for all you did as his friend and his colleague. What amazing memories you have!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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