



Steven J. Cruise

May 1, 1968 - April 19, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Steven J. Cruise, 49, of Norfolk will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Officiating the service will be Deacon Ted Coler. Interment will take place at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Norfolk. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday also at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. Steven died Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Born May 1, 1968, in Columbus, the son of Richard and Janice (Recek) Cruise. He attended grade school at Norfolk Public Schools and graduated from Norfolk High School in 1986.

After high school, Steven worked as a waiter at high end restaurants in Austin, Texas. Steven then moved to Omaha in 2002 and worked in restaurants in Omaha in the Old Market area. In 2006, Steven moved to Norfolk, where he worked at WalMart for two years, and most recently, at Black Cow Fat Pig restaurant in Norfolk.

Steve enjoyed watching football, especially the Green Bay Packers and Nebraska Cornhuskers. He loved going to the cabin and spending hours on the boat fishing with his dad. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his parents, Richard and Janice Cruise of Norfolk; his siblings, Kelli and Megan Cruise of Binghamton, N.Y, Kathi and Randy Munkvold of Viborg, S.D., Tracey Cruise of Coffee Springs, Ala., Lisa and

Mike "Shorty" Johnson of Norfolk, Tammy Bremer and friend Alan Warneke of Battle Creek; nieces and nephews Jennifer, Tyler, Jessica, Janelle, Chanelle, Anthony and Ricki; numerous great-nieces and nephews; Aunt Sally and Chris Lesiak-Krzycki of Columbus, Uncle Don Cruise of St. Edward, Uncle Paul Newcombe of Fairfax, Va., and Aunt Patty Cruise of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Roy and Viola Cruise and Joe and Harriet "Sal" Recek and Aunt Kathryn Newcombe.

Music will be provided by the Kirby Girls singing and playing "Be Not Afraid," "I Will Rise" and "On Eagle's Wings." Casketbearers will be his nieces and nephews: Jennifer, Tyler, Jessica, Jannelle, Chanelle, Anthony and Ricki.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery - Norfolk

1500 Maple Avenue
Norfolk, NE 68701

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
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Service

APR **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven J. Cruise*



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 22, 2018 at 05:20 PM

BM

We are so sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to you all. Aunt Dubby thought a lot of Stevie Joe, the way he would make faces when she would give him marshmallows. I can still her laugh. And when Jan taped Stevie's ear's down. I know you all will miss him dearly. But he is in heaven now with no more pain and no more tears. Please accept my condolences. Love Cousin Bren

Bren Muller - April 25, 2018 at 05:37 PM



Steve has been one of my best friends for nearly 30 years. Starting off in the Old Market in the 1990's, through good times and bad, you always new you had a friend in Steve!!! We will all miss you!

Michael Wilson - April 26, 2018 at 01:50 PM



“ *Steven J. Cruise*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

RF

“ My prayers and deepest sympathy to the Cruise family. I was fortunate to know Steve while working in the Guidance Office at Senior High. Loved that kid. He would come to the office just to say "Hi" and always had funny stories to tell. My daughter Stephanie Nelson, (Frey), were reminiscing about some of our favorite "Steve moments" throughout his school years. My heart is sad..Rest in Peace my friend. You will be missed.

Rosalie Frey...

Rosalie Frey - April 26, 2018 at 01:28 PM

MK

“ Dear Kelli,

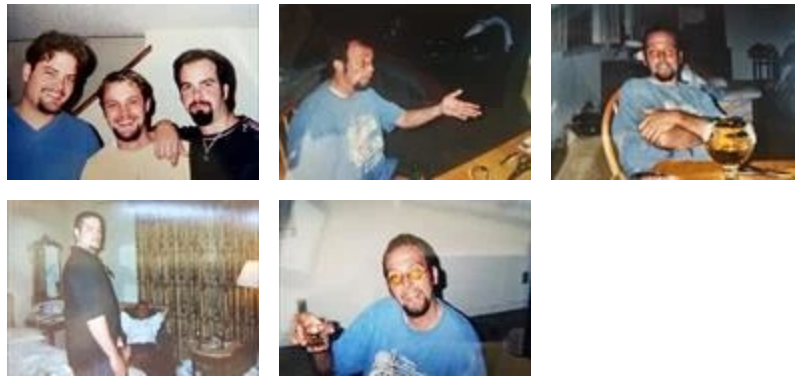
I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your brother Steve. May the angels lead him into paradise. Please know that you, and all your family, will be remembered in my prayers.

*With loving affection,
Mary Ellen*

Mary Ellen Kelleher - April 26, 2018 at 11:44 AM

JD

“ Cruiser! I'm going to miss you man. You, me and Sean went to Nawlins together, many festivals in Austin, disc golfing and countless bars! We worked at a few different restaurants together and always frequented the ones where we didn't. There was never any air in the conversation. You always had a story to tell. So much laughter. So much laughter. I'm sorry I can't be there for you my brother. I'll continue to root for the Packers as I have done since 1990. Me, Sean and Ian will have some Crown and Rumplemintz in your honor! See you at the bar.



Joel Day - April 25, 2018 at 06:29 PM

JR

“ Us Russell kids grew up camping with the Cruises'. Steve was like a big brother to us during the summers. He would always give us rides on his bike but only on the handle bars. Scary at times but we trusted him. It was Steve!! My brothers thought they could do the same but flipped their bike into the ditch. We use to go check jugs out on the boat and fish. These are the memories I will store with me close to my heart. The family is in my prayers and thoughts going forward.

Jaime Russell Robinson - April 25, 2018 at 03:27 PM

JT

“ Joel and April Day. Austin, TX purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Steven J. Cruise.



Joel and April Day. Austin, TX - April 24, 2018 at 05:03 PM

AA

“ AH-64 Academics, Fort Rucker, Alabama purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Steven J. Cruise.



AH-64 Academics, Fort Rucker, Alabama - April 24, 2018 at 08:03 AM

KH

“ Steve and I played a lot in elementary school. He would come down to Sunset Avenue and play with Mark McCarville, Glenn Miller, Mike Leaply, Mike Leffers, and me, Kathy Meyer. That was a time when you could ride your bike anywhere and your parents didn't have to worry. I can remember playing kick the can and baseball in Miller's lot. Even in high school we hung out together. Please accept my prayers as you go through this tough time. God Bless and Hugs!
Kathy (Meyer) Hostert
O'Neill, NE

Kathy Hostert - April 23, 2018 at 10:28 PM

SH

“ Steven was a very nice looking man and always upbeat and funny. He was a joy to be around. You have my deepest sympathy I'm the loss of your son and brother. Take care and try to focus on the joy he brought to your family. Love, Suzy

Suzy Heule - April 23, 2018 at 08:34 PM

SK

“ To the sweet, mischievous (but never malicious) blonde haired, blue eyed, little boy with the heartfelt SMILE, you were so loved and you will be sadly missed on this Earth.

Stacey McNally Kruger - April 23, 2018 at 05:17 PM



“ 119 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stonacek Funeral Chapel - April 22, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cruise.



April 21, 2018 at 03:24 PM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Steven! May God comfort you all at this difficult time!*
Jill Kassen (Smalley)



Jill Kassen - April 20, 2018 at 03:20 PM

BM

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Aunt Dubby had a special place in her heart for Stevie Joe. She always laughed about the the marshmallows and the faces he made. Love Bren

Bren Muller - April 21, 2018 at 02:32 PM

JR

We will always miss your fun loving attitude about life. Steve may you always walk with the Angels. Please God bless Rich, Jan, and family as they say goodbye.

Joe and Judie Russell - April 24, 2018 at 10:09 AM