



Steven John Bindenagel

January 13, 1947 - November 5, 2016

Steven John Bindenagel, 69, died Saturday, November 5, 2016 at his residence.

Born on January 13, 1947 in Huron, SD and a son of Gordon Dean and Patricia Jean Williams Bindenagel, he was the husband of Pamela Sue Resch Bindenagel and was first married to the late Terry Kull Bindenagel. Mr. Bindenagel was a US Army Air Corp veteran during the Vietnam War. He was Director of Operations for the Town of Saluda and was formerly employed as a Journeyman Lineman IBEW Local 9 and 196, Management with Commonwealth Edison and Quality 3 Specialist with Byron Nuclear Plant. Mr. Bindenagel served as Vice President of Saluda County Chamber of Commerce and was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge in Holcomb, IL, Scottish Rite of Valley in Freeport, IL, Tebala Shrine Club (Former President of Director's Staff) in Rockford, IL, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Saluda, SC.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela Sue Resch Bindenagel, his father and mother, Gordon Dean and Patricia Jean Williams Bindenagel of Roscoe, IL, father in-law and mother in-law, William and Lois Resch of Bloomington, IN, three sons, Justin Bindenagel (Michelle) of McHenry, IL, Andre Bindenagel of Rockford, IL and Nicholas Bindenagel (Carolina) of Rockford, IL, a daughter, Danielle Felvey (Bradley) of Machesney Park, IL, three stepsons, William Joseph Oliver (Ashlee) of Gaston, IN, Christopher Oliver of Fortville, IN and Jeffrey Banfield (Harley) of Saluda, SC, two brothers, JD Bindenagel (Jean) of Bonn, Germany and Curt Bindenagel (Lora) of Winnebago, IL, three sisters, Claudia Crabb of Rockford, IL, Denise Sorensen (Mike) of Hudson, WI and Nancy Keen (Johnny) of Roscoe, IL, eleven grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bindenagel was preceded in death by a daughter, Jennifer Lei Bindenagel.

A Memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church in Saluda, SC. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. A memorial service will also be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday,

November 12, 2016 at Willowcreek Church in Caledonia, IL with communion.

Per Steve's request do not send flowers, please make any memorials contributions in honor of Steven Bindenagel to Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church, 101 N. Calhoun St., Saluda, SC 29138.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
101 N. Calhoun Street
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

“ November 5, 2016, Bonn

Dear Pam,

I received the news of Steve's death with a heavy heart. He had found happiness with you in Saluda that was shared with the family.

Steve struggled with us in South Dakotas as dad worked three jobs at Armour & Co., at the bakery and for Glendenning trucking, while mom worked at Montgomery Ward and cared for the six of us children.

Steve left Huron to join the Army and gone when I was in seventh grade. I watched as he came of age and went on to complete his diploma and serve in Vietnam.

While he was in Nha Trang during my senior year in high school, I hung a map of Vietnam in my room to track the course of the war and Steve's crew chief duties. In 2014, I traveled to Vietnam and made a point to visit Nha Trang to recall the War and Steve's duties. In the peace that has now followed I stood on the beach in awe at the beautiful sunrise and remembered Steve's wartime service.

After the war, Steve spent a Thanksgiving with the family at 7904 N. Alpine Road, and of course a bit of roughhousing in front of the fireplace showed the still lingering sibling rivalry. It also resulted in my cracked rib. Years later when I was in Istanbul, I went to a Turkish bath that included a man walking on my back while I lay on a marble table. Yes, another cracked rib. When the doctor examined the X-ray, he told me I had another, but healed cracked rib! Yes, Steve was remembered.

I was proud to see Steve succeed in his career with ComEd, and noted that whenever I googled Bindenagel, his name popped up as an expert in the Byron nuclear plant lawsuit. During our too occasional visits I could see how devoted he was to his children and families.

Happiness is elusive, but when Steve invited us to your wedding in Los Vegas via video, we signed in and saw what happiness you brought to him. Finally, with you Pam, Steve found an encore career, a farm with his beloved horses and a partner who shared love with him. I was so excited to visit Saluda to see the farm, hear about your plans for rehabilitation treatment, the city manager Steve became, and the building of your home. Sharing that weekend in Saluda with you and our folks remains a special memory for me. The two-day drive by our 90-year-old parents was however nerve racking for us until they returned safely to Roscoe.

His is a life well-lived and is an inspiration to never give up. He was loved.

Please accept my sincere condolences also on behalf of Jean, Annamarie, Kenan

and Carl. We will miss Steve.

James Bindenagel - November 12, 2016 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Our hearts are broken for our loss here on Earth, but excited that Steve is now in his heavenly home. Steve was always there for so many people! And he never let us know how much he needed anyone or anything. I was privileged to know him and he was there for us to remove our personal items from the property that we donated to The Town of Saluda. I appreciate all he and his team did for us. Pam, you know we are as close a call away. Prayers for strength during this time of struggle between knowing he isn't suffering and between missing his earthly presence. Our love to all.*

Ann Bowles - November 11, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ *In a time long ago, in place far away, I knew this man as a boy. We played some baseball together in north Huron and hunted pheasants together near Broadland. I know he is missed by his family and my thoughts are with them. Goodbye, Steve.*

Harley Miedema - November 10, 2016 at 05:39 PM

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“ *I wanted to reach out to you during this sad time to offer my condolences. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Heather - November 09, 2016 at 02:48 PM

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“ *Our prayers are with Pam and with Steve and Pam's families. We pray that our Lord would give them comfort and peace through the Holy Spirit.*
Pastor Jim and Dee Glander

Pastor Jim Glander - November 08, 2016 at 05:48 AM