



Steven C. Kasemeier Sr.

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Steven was born to Marv and Esther Kasemeier in Tacoma, WA on March 27, 1952. As the youngest son, he grew up with three siblings: his two older brothers, Marv-II and Brad, and his younger sister, Konni. They were raised in a house full of love and adventure that included camping, fishing, and a real passion for sports. He followed in his father's and brothers' footsteps, excelling in all the sports that he loved and enjoyed. In 1970, he graduated from Clover Park High School in Lakewood, WA. He married his high school sweetheart, Denise, and together they raised their two amazing children, Steven Jr. and Korey.

During his long military career, Steven initially enlisted in the United States Air Force as an avionics maintenance technician on B-52 bombers. After completing his initial commitment to the USAF, he completed his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. He then resumed his career with the USAF flying B-52s as a radar-navigator and ultimately became a Strategic Weapons School Instructor. He also participated in Desert Storm and the ensuing conflicts in the middle east. Upon his return home, he was honored in a parade and ceremony with George Bush Sr and Marshall Jimmy Stewart. He completed a very distinguished career, receiving many honors, including the Curtis E. Lemay award for the "Best Crew in SAC," and retiring from the Air Force as a Major in 1993 in Rapid City, SD.

After his military career, he became an owner-operator for Swift Trucking where he was a long-haul driver. During his travels in Knoxville, TN, Steven met his current wife, Chong, and they were married on April 23, 2000. He welcomed her three wonderful children, Lisa, Robert, and Jessica, into his family and raised them as his own. They continued to live in Knoxville for a few years before moving to Gig Harbor, WA, in 2004. It is during this time that he went on to become an entrepreneur, fulfilling his long-time dream of owning and running his own



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business. For many years, they owned and operated a coffee stand in Lakewood, WA. They eventually moved on to owning and operating their own tavern for nearly ten years before retiring.

Steven had a passion for adventure, fun, and humor throughout his life. He always had a story to share and enjoying bringing light and laughter to those around him. He shared his passions with those closest to him and loved them deeply. Surviving family include his wife, Chong Kasemeier; sons Steven (Petrona) Kasemeier Jr. and Robert Taylor; daughters Korey (Shawn) Bolton, Lisa Taylor, and Jessica Taylor; his mother, Esther Edmunds; brothers Brad Kasemeier and Marvin Kasemeier Jr.; sister, Konni Kasemeier-Epstein; and his eleven grandchildren.

Steven will be missed and is loved by his many family and friends.






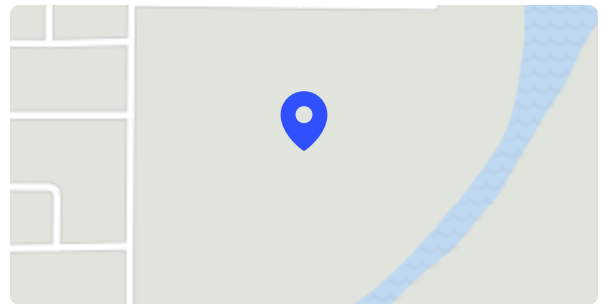
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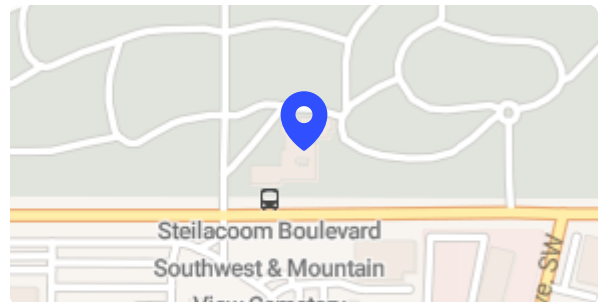
Funeral Service

-  **Friday**, July 21, 2017
-  12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PT
-  **Mountain View Valley Chapel**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, La WA






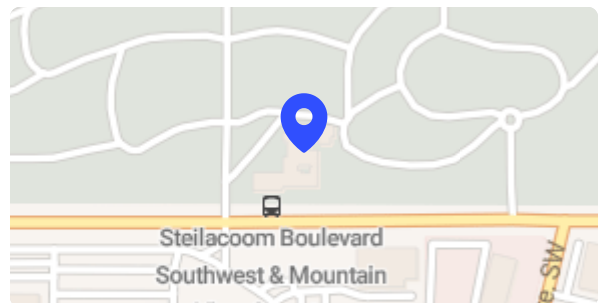
Graveside Service

-  **Friday**, July 21, 2017
-  1:30 PM - 2:00 PM PT
-  **Mountain View Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA
98499





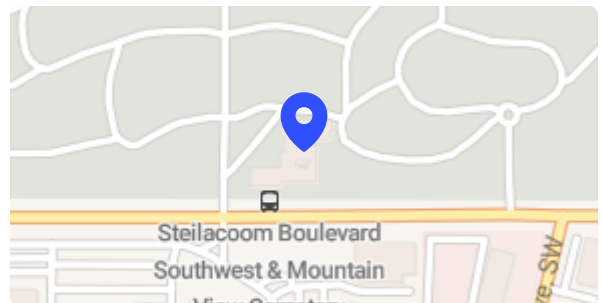
Reception

-  **Friday**, July 21, 2017
-  2:00 PM - 5:00 PM PT
-  **Mountain View Celebration of Life Center**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98499



Cemetery Details

-  **Mountain View Memorial Park**
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-  **(253) 948-9895**





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JH

Jim Hays posted:

I learned a couple of years ago about Steve's passing, but had no information about it until a mutual friend found Steve's obituary. I served with Steve while at the B52 Weapons School in Rapid City, South Dakota. We, with a dozen other airmen built the first B52 and bomber division and curriculum in the USAF Weapons School. It was groundbreaking. Steve was a fine officer, aviator and instructor. He was also a good friend. He and I went on a "walk-about" one Saturday night in the Black Hills. We sat down in a clearing to talk and admire the beautiful South Dakota night. That next Monday Steve arrived at work in some discomfort. We apparently sat in a bed of poison ivy and his body was covered with it. I happened to have very little. Despite his significant discomfort, he was in uniform and didn't miss a beat at the office as we were writing brand new curriculum for the pending inaugural class for the B52 Weapons Course. He was in pain all week, but came to work every day. His commitment to his duties was a remarkable testimony to his drive and excellence, especially in important matters. God Bless Steve. God Bless his family. Jim Hays, LtCol, USAF (Retired)

November 13 at 12:50 PM



Konni Kasemeier December 8 at 6:35 AM

Thank you for writing here, very nice ❤️



Anonymous sent a Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel to the Kasemeier family.



July 19 at 4:56 PM

KK

Kristy (North) Kunz posted:

Steve & I knew each other from Kindergarten through high school. One story that still makes me smile: I was a narrator & singer in the 3rd grade educational tv performance with our Music Teacher, Mrs. Taylor along with Steve, Sue Hawk Cyr, Marty Berg & Debbie. Steve played the part of a donkey & was assigned a "Hee haw" song to sing. Steve sang his "Hee haw" song, all right, but at the wrong moment & right in the middle of my narration! Being rather a perfectionist, I shot him a withering & questioning look. He quickly realized his error, turned beet red & shot me "that smile." I shrugged & that's all it took. We were good buddies again. :heart_eyes: All this was captured on camera! Loved the guy & will so look forward to seeing him again in heaven! ❤️

July 19 at 6:13 AM



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KK

Konni Kasemeier shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I have so many memories my dear brother, many funny times and some difficult, but brother and sister times can be that way. I will truly miss you, our discussions on Facebook, the funny quirkie pranks with your phone messages left on my voicemail that I now wish I had saved. I know you're with the Lord, I know that you are with loved ones and especially with Dad. I'll see you on other side brother and until then, I'll always remember and share the fun and fond memories of you, much love always.



July 16 at 2:17 PM

AM

Anne (Mcgruder) Mcginn posted:

All through junior high and High school he was one of the nicest people and that smile I will always remember. There was a large group of us who hung out together during the years at each others homes. Once we went to high school and after graduation we all sort of went our own ways. I was fortunate that Chris and I had lunch at their restaurant a while back and just got to sit, visit and eat great food that Chong over saw and then we sat and chatted. Lots of old memories and Steve had lots of stories to tell. SO sorry to see him leave us all so soon. He will be missed

July 12 at 8:36 AM



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John Amidon posted:

I remember one time when I was with Steve and his family on vacation at Salmon la Sac in junior high. Steve and I were hiking a trail when we saw a tiny bear and we thought it would be cool to chase it! The chasing lasted about 20 seconds before the bear realized he should be doing the chasing. You have never seen two guys run back to camp so fast. Later we heard the momma bear got hit by a logging truck. I think we had angels protecting us. Great memory. John Amidon 😊

July 10 at 7:40 PM



Kristy (North) Kunz July 19 at 5:59 AM

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Konni July 11 at 7:42 AM

I remember that, funny!



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Brother Steve and sister Konni



Memories only last if you share them

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



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