



Steven J. Jacob

March 16, 1947 - March 17, 2021

Steven J. Jacob, passed away peacefully Wednesday and, despite the pandemic, was surrounded by his family, within the hour of celebrating his 74th birthday.

Steve is survived by his wife, Janet Green Jacob and their three children Jeff Jacob (wife Susan), Jill Jacob (husband Donnie Mortimer), and Chris Jacob. He also has four adoring grandsons Will, Cole, Jake & Henry (one of whom won the very last game of 'gotcha-last' with their Papa). Also of note is his former son-in-law and still very much family, Jim Guggenhime.

He was born (March 16, 1947) and raised by hard-working parents (William and Marietta) on their self-made family farm in Jasonville, where Steve honed his Hoosier basketball skills in the hay loft on a bent rim without a backboard (he holds several Shakamak High School records to this day). Steve left the farm for Purdue University (BS) as the first in the family to attend college. The debate remains today over whether Janet spilling acid on Steve's shirt in chemistry class was accidental or a complex and reckless, but oddly successful, ploy to get his phone number. Either way, the pair graduated, and the farm-kid from southern Indiana worked his way up through the ranks of Indiana Bell to a vice-president of Ameritech. Notably, Steve was awarded a Congressional fellowship served in Washington, DC lobbying for the telecom industry. Steve finished his career in the private sector at Woolpert

Engineering and Time Warner Telecom.

While Steve was a talented and skilled woodworker and avid bird watcher, his real passion was fishing for walleye at Dogtooth Lake in Ontario, Canada and his self-stocked pond at his home in Whitestown. Steve passed his love of the outdoors on to his children and in turn to his children's children.

Steve is perhaps best known recently for his years of dedicated public service leadership. He served on the Boone County Council (20+ years) and for a number of years through current as its president; Chairman of the Boone County Convention & Visitors Bureau; past member and vice-chairman of the Boone County Republican Central Committee; past member of the Boone EDC, just to name a few that allowed him through his dedication, fairness, and hard work to make Boone County a better place for it. Steve drew inspiration to serve from his much admired father-in-law Paul Green who also served as president of the Boone County Council for untold years; Paul also followed in the footsteps of his father-in-law, Ollie Berry also serving in the same seat and role.

Steve will be missed by those closest to him for what he is best known for, a passionate and deep dedication to his family and community.

An informal, outdoor visitation (just the way Steve would like it) will be held Monday March 22, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Steve & Janet's home in Whitestown, 5236 E. 200 S. Sadly for the hugs and handshakes, we note that the current CDC guidelines will apply and masks should be worn. And, for those that would prefer to avoid gatherings, you are welcome to drive through the property, honk and wave. Last, Myers Mortuary will have periodic live streams on Myers Mortuary Facebook page. Online condolences: www.myersmortuary.com.

Guestbook



“ *Steven J. Jacob*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sending my sympathy and condolences to Janet and the family.*

Gregg Barth - March 30, 2021 at 07:22 PM

NH

The ever loving family man...

What a false sense of pride this man must have harbored throughout his life.

For those who are unaware Steve had a daughter that they gave up for adoption and treated that daughter as tho she was no more than a stray dog to be taken to a shelter.

That daughter has struggled and I do mean struggled for almost 52 years because her biological family shunned her in the most unkindly way.

Steve has two magnificent grandchildren who's lives he could have been part of.

So those of you wondering how I could write this ask yourself.

How could one be so hateful as to shun your own flesh and blood...

The daughter has a degree in Animal Science and a four year degree in Nursing.

The daughter helps with

A very successful family business generating a very substantial income.

*Steve's 12 year old granddaughter had her first book published last year, *The Mystery of the Disappearing Quilt* under her pen name Michaela RiLee and is available at Amazon. Another book will be published this year.*

Steve's 21 year old grandson he never met is in his third year of college and an Eagle Scout.

Steve's son in law has a degree in Electrical Engineering and an MBA. I am super grateful for the daughter Steve never met, she is a very remarkable young lady gifted in many many ways.

Anyone who could be so callused towards my daughter and her family deserves his friends knowing the truth about family man Steve.

Steve's daughter tried in many ways to meet Steve but he would never let her into his life. Steve was guarding the family dollars thinking that his daughter wanted money. If Steve knew his daughters net worth maybe they could have had a relationship...

Norm Harris

Venice Florida

Norm Harris - May 23, 2021 at 05:48 PM

LM

“ I grew up with Steve playing basketball and baseball with him. Since I was younger he was always teaching me how to throw a curve ball or how to touch the backboard on a layup. I was one of those who played basketball in the hay mow. We had some great times. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lloyd Michael, Shakamak class of 1966

Lloyd Michael - March 25, 2021 at 10:21 PM

AR

“ Adam, EJ, & Fiona Reek purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Steven J. Jacob.



Adam, EJ, & Fiona Reek - March 22, 2021 at 04:32 PM

PG

“ Dear Janet - So many memories through the years as we shared our parents with "politics" and then you and Steve followed the same path! Friendships are precious and those good memories can never be erased. Steve was always so kind and supportive of Derk and his business endeavors. Today's service certainly revealed that he was admired by many and loved dearly by his family. Prayers for strength and healing.

Warm Hugs, Patty (and Damon)

Patty Gates - March 22, 2021 at 04:13 PM

AH

“ Dear Janet, Jeff, Jill and Chris -- Peace be with you all and with Steve as he passes into God's hands. We all know he's going there; i.e. the amazingly warm and giving person he was. Please know that you are in my prayers.

I'll always fondly remember when he was 17 and I was 12 during a visit to the farm. Uncle Bill put me to work behind Steve in the cornfield with a machete almost it seemed as big as me. Sure enough, Steve covered for me. Then after a huge lunch, it was bailing hay. That was worse, but there again, the big guy covered for me :).

Janet you'll remember the all too brief year together in DC with Steve working the Hill and me at the FAA doing the same; finally an alignment of skills and so much fun sharing our work.

Please regain contact. We're in the process of purchasing a home in Hill Country Texas (north of San Antonio). So if any of you find yourselves in the vicinity, please plan a visit. God's blessings in all ways, always!!!

Fondly, Cousin Art

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Arthur Humphries - March 22, 2021 at 01:21 PM

CP

“ Craig, Marcy, Cale, Dane & Marlee Phillips purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Steven J. Jacob.



Craig, Marcy, Cale, Dane & Marlee Phillips - March 22, 2021 at 08:30 AM

RC

“ So sorry to hear; my condolences to all the family. On behalf of all of his Purdue ATO fraternity brothers, rest in peace, Jake.

VTL

Lee c.

R Lee Cummings - March 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM



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



March 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven J. Jacob.



March 19, 2021 at 11:34 AM

AM

“ Janet:

Shocked and sorry to learn of Steve's passing. We have so many good memories of you and your family. Those Indiana Bell days and all of the Boone County times are special. Steve was always dedicated to doing whatever he could to make the quality of life better for our community and his leadership will be greatly missed.

We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Allen and Jane Milburn

Allen and Jane Milburn - March 19, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JF

“ *Jim & Emily Ruden & Family; John & Kelley Ruden & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Steven J. Jacob.*



Jim & Emily Ruden & Family; John & Kelley Ruden & family -
March 18, 2021 at 07:01 PM