



Stephen H. Fuemmeler

August 14, 1944 - March 26, 2016

Stephen H. Fuemmeler, 71, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, March 26, 2016, at Southeast Hospital.

He was born Aug. 14, 1944, in Campbell, Missouri, to Henry and Joanne Prenger Fuemmeler, who preceded him in death.

He and Emily Grueneberg Fuemmeler were married Jan. 26, 1974, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Scott City.

He graduated from Notre Dame High School and received a bachelor's degree and earned hours toward his masters at Southeast Missouri State University.

Steve served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

He was employed by Travelers Insurance Co. in Peoria, Illinois. He then began to work for the Missouri Division of Employment Security in Cape Girardeau, retiring as supervisor of the local office in 2003.

Steve was a faithful member of St. Mary's Cathedral and regularly attended Old St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau. He was a member of the American Legion and a very active member of the Knights of Columbus

Council 1111, where he received his fourth-degree. Steve enjoyed his many activities with the KCs, gatherings with family and friends and spending time with his much-loved grandkids. He was an avid Cardinals fan and rarely missed a game. If those attending his visitation or funeral would like to wear their favorite Cardinals shirt, Steve would like that.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Emily Fuemmeler of Cape Girardeau; a son, Lucas (Stephanie) Fuemmeler of Oran, Missouri; a daughter, Sarah (Jeremy) Kuntze of Jackson; five grandchildren, Jase Fuemmeler, Carter Kuntze, Mari Fuemmeler, Camryn Kuntze and Mili Fuemmeler; two brothers, Jerry Blank of Texas and David (Cheri) Fuemmeler of Cape Girardeau; two sisters, Linda (Bill) Hirtz and Carolyn (Jerry) Deken, both of Poplar Bluff, Missouri; five sisters-in-law, Jean Poinsett, Carol Grueneberg Haynes, Linda Grueneberg, Cindy (Gary) Raines and Julie Grueneberg; and a brother-in-law, Bob Grueneberg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law; a brother, Don Fuemmeler; a brother-in-law, Alan Haynes; a niece; and a great nephew.

Friends may call from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Ford and Sons Mount Auburn Funeral Home in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers will be at 6:30 p.m., and the rosary will immediately follow.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2016 at Old St. Vincent's Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau, with the Rev. Allan Saunders officiating. Full military rights will be accorded at St. Mary's Cemetery Pavilion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Down Syndrome Association of St. Louis, Old St. Vincent's Parish and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

1101 Perry Avenue
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel
1001 N. Mt. Auburn Rd.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Parish Prayers

MAR 31. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Rosary

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ My heart aches to realize that Steve is gone. Our friendship began in St. Joseph's elementary school in Scott City and continued as we spent time together for many years growing up in our small town, going to college in Cape, getting married, and starting a family.

We weren't Facebook friends in those days, instead we hung out at Steve's house, my house, our Teen Town. On slow nights around Teen Town we would pile into someone's car and make the rounds out to the skating rink, out to the river, or perhaps out to the end of the Commerce Road.

Steve did not seek attention for himself. His comments were often insightful observations of what was going on with others, and his jokes and observations were subtle, apt to produce a chuckle.

He was a generous, excepting, and attentive friend and even after a long absence saying hello to Steve and having him say “Hi Mike” back was reassuring and the beginning of “where we left off”.

He was interested in those around him. When I would meet up with him, he would inquire about how I was doing or what has happened with one event or another in my life. He was generous in sharing himself and what was going on in his life. It was a pleasure to spend time with him.

Steve was a great guy. My heart goes out to all those who were able to enjoy his presence in their daily lives, Emily, Lucas, Sarah, David, Sherry, the rest of his large family, his many friends at the Knights of Columbus Hall, etc.

“Goodbye old friend”

Mike Matvy

Mike Matvy - April 02, 2016 at 06:29 AM

GA

“ *Our deepest sympathies for your loss. James & Gloria Arnold*

Gloria Arnold - March 31, 2016 at 05:40 PM

MR

“ *I hardly know where to start. I first met Steve when I was a freshman at Notre Dame high School.....My last name was Fisher so you can imagine we were very often seated together. Steve and I reconnected when he lived in the Pekin,Il area. I met Emily then and along with my husband Ed the four of us became fast friends. I still have a Christmas package decoration that Emily made for my children during that time. We moved to Texas in 1976 and loss track of each other. I last saw Steve at our 50th year class reunion. I was so glad to see him.....we spent a lot of time catching up. My heart is heavy today and as I write these words, I so clearly see that round, happy face. I will hold you, his family, and him in my heart and prayers. We now live in the Chicago area, so I will attend Mass tomorrow and offer it for Steve Mary "Jo" Fisher Ray, Class of 1962*

Mary Jo Fisher Ray - March 31, 2016 at 02:04 PM

SM

“ *My husband and I spent many fun times with Emily; Steve and the kids! My heart goes out to you all. May God bless and comfort you. With love, Sandra Markham*

sandra markham - March 30, 2016 at 06:24 PM

SK

“ I first met Steve in a Group Counseling class we were both enrolled in at SEMO. He initiated the introduction by stating "I think I know you" and yes he did because of our connections to Glennonville. Thanks to Steve I was introduced to the idea of working for the State of Missouri. We spent a day in Sikeston in late 1979 taking merit exams and a little later told me that Employment Security was looking for counselors for fill positions around the state. I told him I was interested and if he knew of any to let me know. He did. He told me that the Poplar Bluff Job Service Office was interviewing for an employment counselor and I should look into it. I did and on March 10, 1980 I went to work for Job Service in Poplar Bluff. This would likely not have happened hadn't it been for Steve because I never really considered working for the state. I am grateful for his suggestion. I worked with the state in various positions for 32 years. I was saddened to read of his passing and I send my condolences to his family. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Steve Kuper - March 30, 2016 at 04:21 PM