Steven Edward Essner

August 4, 1956 - September 4, 2017

Steven Edward Essner, 61, of Cape Girardeau died Monday, September 4, 2017 at his home.

He was born August 4, 1956 in Cape Girardeau to Anthony "Tony" Peter and Leanna Francis Felter Essner.

On September 16, 1977, he and Donna J. Simms were married at St. Mary Cathedral in Cape Girardeau.

Steve graduated in 1974 from Notre Dame High School. His love of carpentry and building began at an early age when he apprenticed as a carpenter's helper with his father, Tony. He knew at an early age that building would become his life's work. Until recently, Steve was a premier, custom home builder in Cape Girardeau and surrounding area.

He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau.

His hobbies included fishing, spending time at the lake, and building custom cabinetry.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Essner of Cape Girardeau; two daughters, Libby Bullard of Orlando, Florida and Karrie Marren of Brentwood, Tennessee;

three sons, Kyle (Beth) Essner of Mapleton, Utah, Sam (Amanda Sells) Essner of Cape Girardeau and Drew (Jessica) Essner of Katy, Texas; five sisters, Marilyn (Bill) Hughey, Judy (Gene) Heuring, Ann Frey, Mary DeLoach and Denise Wiesner all of Cape Girardeau; two brothers, Kenny (Sue) Essner of Florence, South Carolina and Jim (Mary) Essner of Cape Girardeau; eight grandchildren, Dakota Bullard, Mackenzie Essner, Noa Liuchan, Callie Essner, Kalia Liuchan, Bella Essner, Baila Essner and Stephen Essner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers-in-law, Larry Frey and Paul DeLoach.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at Ford & Sons Mt. Auburn Chapel in Cape Girardeau. Parish prayers and rosary will be at 7:00 pm.

Funeral mass will be at at 11:00 am Friday, September 8, 2017 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Cape Girardeau with his cousin, Rev. Tom Kiefer officiating.

Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairmont Cemetery

835 Caruthers
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **7**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Parish Prayers

SEP **7**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

SEP **8**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
1919 Ritter Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Tribute Wall

JD

Jennifer DiCamillo lit a candle in memory of Steven Edward Essner

Jennifer DiCamillo - September 20, 2017 at 07:58 PM

JD

My heart bleeds for you, and when I pray, I find my soul pleads for you, that peace may find you and fill you til you're whole again but I know that sounds unbelievable because part of you is gone, unretrievable...in heaveñ, waiting for you to join him, preparing a place for you, finding out what there is to do there, but don't don't forget he's an angel looking over you now, and how! He's learning all the tricks of that trade, how to disappear/fade, and fly high by Jesus' side, talk about the wild ride! And the sweetest place to now abide. No, don't worry about Steve, he's fine. He's dining at the master's table, no pains. He's completely healthy, healed, and able. His only reservation is the one that is timeless, with your name on it, when you will join him? So don't let this candle dim, you've still got things to do. He's waiting patiently until you are through...still loving the little things that make the two of you où.

Jennifer DiCamillo - September 20, 2017 at 08:36 PM

SV

I hope the following saying will be of comfort to the Essner family.
"Death is not extinguishing the light.
It is turning out the lamp because the dawn has come."
By Tagori, a Bengali poet.

You have my deepest sympathy.
Love, Prayers, and God Bless.
Sue Vogelsanger

Sue Vogelsanger - September 08, 2017 at 10:56 AM

LB

Thank you Sue...I really appreciate those comforting words

Libby Essner Bullard - September 10, 2017 at 10:22 PM

MF

Sorry for your loss.

Mike Felter - September 08, 2017 at 06:57 AM

JK

Donna & Family we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts & prayers are with you.

Julie & Joe Krueger - September 07, 2017 at 05:38 PM

AT

Our heartfelt condolences to you Donna and Family.Always enjoyed getting together.wonderful Memories,love John and Anna

anna tester - September 07, 2017 at 05:12 PM

Dear Donna, prayers of comfort for you and your family at this difficult time. God is holding you in his loving arms, and will carry through you. Love, Sheree and Russell NIelsen

Sheree Nielsen - September 07, 2017 at 01:00 PM

Susan Swartwout

Donna, I'm so sorry for your loss. I'm thinking of you every day, and I know that you're a strong, brilliant woman and will get through this difficult time with your uncommon grace. You're fortunate to have such a supportive and loving family around you, and I hope that you all find peace and comfort. The Creator was surely very proud of Steven and his many talents, and has welcomed him back among the stars. Peace, dear heart.
—Susan

Susan Swartwout - September 07, 2017 at 12:02 PM

LB

What a wonderful thing to say about my dad Susan. He was a very talented man. The world will definetly be less without him him in it.

Libby Essner Bullard - September 10, 2017 at 10:25 PM

ST

Sunset Pools Team purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Steven Edward Essner.

Sunset Pools Team - September 07, 2017 at 11:54 AM

AS

Deepest sympathy for your sudden, unexpected loss. So glad to have gotten to know Steve and his dry witt, creative carpentry skills, campfire stories, and on the deck chats over food and drink. So thankful for such a good neighbor and all the laughter we all shared. Your lake friends Bill and Alice

Alice Siedler - September 07, 2017 at 11:27 AM

DH

Our family will not be the same without your presence. You were like a brother to me, and we will miss you so much.

Denise Simms Hopkins - September 07, 2017 at 11:23 AM

PW

Donna and family, please know I am lifting you up in prayer for peace, for strength to face the coming days, and for loving memories to hold forever in your heart.

Pat Wahler

Pat Wahler - September 07, 2017 at 11:16 AM

Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Edward Essner.

September 07, 2017 at 09:53 AM

RF

A master craftsman, we think of Steve whenever we walk in our home. He turned our house into a home decades ago and are reminded and are mindful of his skill with every day we live, every step we take and every memory we make there.
There are so many in our community that must have the same feelings.
Few are privileged and talented enough to leave such a large legacy in their lives.
We are all fortunate to have known him.

Russ and Susie Felker

Russ and Susie Felker - September 07, 2017 at 09:27 AM

LB

Thank you for those kind words. Dad was the best builder and I am glad he touched your lives.
Libby Bullard-Daughter

Libby Essner Bullard - September 16, 2017 at 07:15 PM

RM

I am so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. We grew up together going to St. Mary's and Notre Dame. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the Essner family.

Ron Maurer - September 07, 2017 at 09:19 AM

ES

Ellie and Ed Searl purchased the Sweet Tranquilit y Basket for the family of Steven Edward Essner.

Ellie and Ed Searl - September 07, 2017 at 09:04 AM

JH

John and I were so sad to hear of your loss. We were glad to call Steve a friend and 'our builder'. Every home we have lived in in Cape showcased Steve (and Jimmy's) handiwork. We are praying today that your faith, family and friends can bring you comfort at this time.

John and Jerre Hall - September 07, 2017 at 08:04 AM

SF

I was so sorry to hear of Steve's passing and know he will be missed by all who knew him. I have fond memories of him as well. The whole Essner family will be in my prayers during this sad time.

Steven Friga - September 07, 2017 at 05:53 AM