



## Stephen Dean Kennedy

November 13, 1945 - February 13, 2022

Stephen Dean Kennedy, age 76 of Newcastle, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022. Stephen was born November 13, 1945 in E. St. Louis, IL, the oldest of 6 children born to Robert Dean Kennedy and Alva Charlene (Burton) Kennedy. He was raised primarily in Rolling Meadows, graduating from Arlington Heights High School in 1963. Stephen joined the United States Air Force, and served three tours in Vietnam. He was a true patriot and proud to serve his country, and he retired from the Air Force after more than 22 years of honorable service. Back in the states, Stephen landed at Scott Air Force Base. He began working for the FAA, and eventually relocated to Newcastle. He continued his work with the FAA as a Pilot and an inspector, retiring after a long and distinguished career. Stephen married Becky Jo Klamm on April 13, 1995, on the family farm in Louisburg, KS. Away from work, he was probably in his boat fishing somewhere. He cherished his family and especially Becky and his fur buddy, Tony. Stephen was a kind soul and a true friend, and he will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Becky; son, Darin Kennedy; parents, Robert and Alva Kennedy and siblings, Dennis Kennedy and Kenneth Kennedy.

Stephen is survived by: three sisters, Cheryl Manning and husband Charles of Batavia, IA, Donna Moore and husband Tim of Coralville, IA and Sandra

Daniels of Cape Coral, FL, several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Private Services

# Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the entire family. I met Steve while he was still serving in the Air Force and had the opportunity to work with him during our time in the FAA. He always added positive input to every project that he was working on and would always provide some humor for everyone to enjoy with his great stories. I believe that everyone that was ever associated with Steve could write their own book about him. RIP my friend.



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**John Lufkin** - February 26, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Steve was the most amazing and coolest Bonus Dad for the time we got to be a part of each other's lives. He was one of the most intelligent men I've ever encountered. Steve always did his best to teach me as much as he could while helping raise me for those few years. He has forever made an impact on me, my life & the woman I've become. He will always hold a special place in my heart! Prayers & hugs across the miles to the Kennedy Family ❤️



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**Anjl Gray** - February 21, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember growing up with the big cousin tall handsome fun everybody want to be around him. And he tried talking me to get going into the military when I graduated high school I should have listened he will be missed dearly but I know you guys have so many great memories to look back on I know that group up in heaven now are the ring leaders of this family I can see them all now so much fun and laughter. XOXO Love you guys very much 🙏🙏🙏❤❤❤



Susan Kennedy - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ Prayers for you girls and your families during this difficult time. I didn't have the opportunity of meeting Steve in person but I know he was a successful, devoted man in all aspects of his life. He appreciated and grateful for all your help Cheryl. Treasure the family memories and know he is no longer suffering. RIP Steve!

Peg mcDonald - February 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM