



Steven J. Cryder

March 10, 1950 - June 19, 2021

Steven J. Cryder, age 71 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, June 19, 2021, at his residence in Highland, IL.

He was born on March 10, 1950, in Saint Louis, MO, the son of Dave and Bernice (nee Goewert) Cryder.

On June 19, 1970, he married Debra D. Brede at Trenton, IL. She passed away on Sunday, June 21, 1992.

He was a member of Highland Community Church. He was also Former President of Highland Bulldog Booster Club.

Steven was born in St. Louis, MO and grew up in Trenton, IL. He was a 1968 graduate of Wesclin High School. Steven completed his undergraduate work in 3 years and his Masters Degree, from SIUE. He worked as a English Teacher (Senior Research) and Librarian at Wesclin High School from 1971 to 2005. He was an online educator for the University of Phoenix. Steven loved reading, playing the piano and served as Highland Community Church Organist for many years. In retirement he spent half a year in Highland and the other half in Arizona, spending time with his grandchildren and attending their sport activities and other events.

Survivors include:

Son - Jay S. (Rebecca) Cryder, Mesa, AZ
Daughter - Jill M. (Donny) Gunter III, Highland, IL
Son - Joel D. (Ashley) Cryder, Mascoutah, IL
Son - Justin R. (Julia) Cryder, Phoenix, AZ
Daughter - Jeanna E. (Austin) Lehn, Chandler, AZ
Grandchild - Jacob K. Cryder
Grandchild - Morgan E. Cryder
Grandchild - Landon L. Gunter
Grandchild - Luke S. Gunter
Grandchild - Milla A. Cryder
Grandchild - Dean P. Cryder
Grandchild - Drew R. Cryder
Grandchild - Caleb V. Cryder
Grandchild - Samuel D. Cryder
Grandchild - Wyatt S. Lehn (twin)
Grandchild - Brady C. Lehn (twin)
Sister - Lois E. "Bo" Cryder, Bloomington, IL
Sister - Jane M. (Jeff) Martin, Gilbert, AZ
Niece - Sarah Martin, Mesa, AZ

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Dave Cryder - Died 9/14/1975
Mother - Bernice C. Cryder, nee Goewert - Died 3/7/2001
Wife - Debra D. Cryder, nee Brede - Died 6/21/1992

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 9:00 AM to

11:00 AM on Friday, June 25, 2021, at Highland Community Church in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 25, 2021, at Highland Community Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Mark McGranahan, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cryder Education Fund at Wesclin High School.

Tribute Wall



“ *Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home & Dauderman Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Steven J. Cryder*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 25, 2021 at 11:21 AM



What a beautiful way to remember a loved one. Prayers for the family.

*Sandy & Bill Tutka
(Ashley Cryder's cousin)*

Sandy Tutka - June 27, 2021 at 05:47 PM

MP

The tribute video brought a smile to my face. I ran into your Dad in June at the doctor's office and had a quick visit. Your Dad was always a smiling and fun man that was a great father and all round good guy. So very sorry for your loss. Mary Ann (Gould) Plofkin

Mary Ann (GOuld) Plofkin - July 26, 2021 at 01:55 PM

BR

“ I lived in Trenton, a couple houses down from the Cryder family on Main Street in the late 60's. While Jane and Lois were my friends, Steve was closer in age to our sister. But, what I do remember about Steve is that he always had a smile on his face and was a happy guy with a big toothy grin. I truly appreciated the visit our family received from the three of them when my mother, Elva Ranz, passed away. I am so sorry for your loss and I send my sincere condolences to the entire Cryder family.

Barbara (Ranz) Richardson

Barbara Richardson - June 25, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - June 25, 2021 at 11:04 AM

BT

“ Our deepest condolences & sympathy to the Steve Cryder family. We remember Steve for his great sense of humor but even more for being a really, really good person. Jane, Lois, Jay, Jill, Joel, Justin and all of Steve's grandchildren & his niece Steve will always be fondly remembered and you will be in our thoughts and prayer.

Love,

Bill & Susie Taylor

Bill Taylor - June 24, 2021 at 04:33 PM

RS

“ I remember Steve from high school, particularly senior English class. He was a dedicated professional who touched many young lives! Prayers for his family.

Ruth (Niemeyer) Sunde

ruth sunde - June 24, 2021 at 12:58 AM

CS

“ Cindy Martin & Stuart Swibel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Steven J. Cryder.



Cindy Martin & Stuart Swibel - June 23, 2021 at 09:52 PM

AA

“ Steve had a great love for his children and grandchildren. He was so musically talented and shared his gift with many. Seek comfort dear cousins knowing he is at rest. You have countless memories to always share and reminisce about. Much love to all of you... Cousin Alicia Arth

alicia arth - June 22, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.



June 22, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.



June 22, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.



June 22, 2021 at 06:34 PM

KF

“ Our deepest condolences to the Cryder family. Such a sweet and kind person! He will be greatly missed! The family is in our thoughts and prayers! RIP

ken Brefeld and family - June 22, 2021 at 06:34 PM

DM

“ Dear Cryder Family,
I remember Steve as a warm and fun guy to be around. He always made us laugh. His memory and legacy will live on through his family. The fund to support education is something that would make him really proud. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time.
Love,
Dale and Darlene Moser



Dale and Darlene Moser - June 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM

RP

“ Steve (and Debra) were my good friends in grade school in the 60's...good memories 🥰 Later years enjoyed seeing him at Wesclin reunions. He loved his family and grandkids! He was the best friend and brother in Christ. 🥰

Ruth Painter - June 22, 2021 at 11:36 AM

DW

“ I taught at Wesclin from 1970- 1978 and had to joy of working with Steve after the new Jr. Sr High was built. Steve was a blessing to all the students, faculty and administration!
I know he is resting in God's arms, but he will be so missed on this earth.
Darlene Hackman Weaver

Darlene H. Weaver - June 22, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *My deepest Sympathy to Steve's Family & to his & Debbie's Children & Grandchildren. Unfortunately families don't get together like they used to, so I don't know many of you. I remember Steve and Debbie's wedding they were so beautiful, & happy. Sent with all my Love and sympathy and prayers.*
Virgilia (Kraus) Detering

Virgilia Detering - June 22, 2021 at 10:54 AM

AF

“ *Steve's presence was somehow both remarkably intimidating and incredibly welcoming. I think that's the sign of a great dad. I'll miss chatting with him in the hot tub and him yelling "JEANNAAAA!" every time I was at his house. My condolences to Jeanna, Jay, Jill, Joel and Justin.*

Aaron Frey - June 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM

BB

“ *“Cryder” was a great guy, good friend, had a huge heart, and will be truly missed. My first year of teaching wouldn't have been the same without him. My condolences to all of his family.*
Brad Burcham

Brad Burcham - June 22, 2021 at 10:34 AM

MD

“ *Rest in the arms of your family in Heaven.*

Mike Davis - June 22, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.*



June 22, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *I grew up with Steven and his family in Trenton Illinois during the 50's & 60's. We attended Wesclin together, played school basketball together, and attended Westgate Baptist Church together. Steven was a good friend, a strong Christian example, and a determined advocate for whatever or whomever he was supporting at the time. I know his family will miss him terribly; but, please take comfort in knowing that Steven is now rejoicing in heaven!*
Wil Caudell

Wil Caudell - June 22, 2021 at 03:45 AM



Deepest Sympathies to Steve's family and friends. As a classmate of Steve's he always was a caring person and there to help whenever he was needed. My last visit was when him and Jane were driving back to Highland together in his RV and came through New Mexico. I got to have lunch and a quick visit. He lived his life to the fullest and will be deeply missed. RIP Steve...I am sure you and Debra are holding each other again.

Mary True Bendorf - June 22, 2021 at 07:29 PM



“ *Dear Cryder Family,
Please accept my sincere sympathy on the death of your father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Count on my prayers for all of you.
Love Christine Hempen Kengott*

Christine Hempen Kengott - June 22, 2021 at 01:01 AM

SV

“ You will be missed RIP MR.CRYDER



shannon vollmer - June 21, 2021 at 11:46 PM

NS

“ Nancy (Porter) Sudbring lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Cryder



Nancy (Porter) Sudbring - June 21, 2021 at 10:33 PM

NS

“ Steve was one of a kind. He will be truly missed.
My sympathies to the family and especially his children.

Steve worked on some of our class reunions. We always had so much fun.

*From a former classmate
Nancy (Porter) Sudbring*

Nancy (Porter) Sudbring - June 21, 2021 at 10:31 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.*



June 21, 2021 at 10:24 PM



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



June 21, 2021 at 09:34 PM



“ *Mel And Kim Deimeke lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Cryder*



Mel and Kim Deimeke - June 21, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Susan & Warren C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Steven J. Cryder.*



Susan & Warren C. - June 21, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steven J. Cryder.*



June 21, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *Mr.&Mrs.Russell Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Steven J. Cryder*



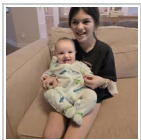
Mr.&Mrs.Russell Rinderer - June 21, 2021 at 07:04 PM



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



June 21, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *I always remember seeing Steve on the trampoline when I was in High School. He was a great guy. Very sorry for your loss. Jerry Davis & family*

Jerry Davis - June 21, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my childhood neighbor.*

Judy Ripperda Wolters

Wolters Judith - June 21, 2021 at 05:54 PM