



## Steven H. "Herbie" Goestenkers

July 30, 1950 - November 24, 2018

Steven H. "Herbie" Goestenkers, age 68 of Highland, IL, died Saturday, November 24, 2018, at Saint Luke's Hospital-West in Chesterfield, MO.

He was born on Sunday, July 30, 1950, in Highland, IL, the son of William and Jeanne (nee Foederer) Goestenkers.

On Friday, February 04, 1972, he married Alanna D. Goestenkers nee Jenny at the E & R Church, Highland, IL, who survives.

Herbie was born in Highland and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1968. He attended SIUE from 1984 - 1988 and graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He worked at Hurst-Rosche Engineers in Hillsboro, IL for a short time and then worked for Aviston Lumber as a Licensed Plumber for 25 years. He enjoyed reading, St. Louis Cardinal Baseball and their pet dog "Lillie Grace".

Survivors include:

Wife - Alanna D. Goestenkers nee Jenny, Highland, IL

Brother - John S. Goestenkers, Jacksonville, FL

Brother - Mark V. (Donna) Goestenkers, Glen Carbon, IL

Brother - William J. "Willis" (Krista) Goestenkers, Calvert City, KY

Sister - Barbara A. (Steven) Saathoff, Maryville, IL

Nephew - John (Christine) Goestenkors, Morristown, TN  
Nephew - Corey (Andrea) Saathoff, Columbia, IL  
Nephew - Travis Saathoff, Collinsville, IL  
Niece - Amber Saathoff (Husband Marino Topal), Troy, IL  
Nephew - Cole Goestenkors, Highland, IL  
Niece - Ava Goestenkors, Calvert City, KY  
Niece - Sunny E. P. Jenny, Samammish, WA  
Niece - Sarah E. W. Jenny, Samammish, WA  
Great Nephew - Will Saathoff (twin), Columbia, IL  
Great Nephew - Graeme Saathoff (twin), Columbia, IL  
Great Nephew - Christopher Goestenkors, Morristown, TN  
Great Nephew - William Goestenkors, Morristown, TN  
Great Niece - Victoria Goestenkors, Morristown, TN.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - William Frank Goestenkors - Died 7/1/1984

Mother - Jeanne Magalene Goestenkors (nee Foederer) - Died 7/31/1977

Brother - Gerald W. "Jerry" Goestenkors - Died 5/8/2004

Sister In-law - Evelena Goestenkors - Died 4/26/2015.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL, with Rev. Fr. Pat. G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter or St. Paul School Educational Foundation. .

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Alanna spent Herbie’s last 30 days with him in the hospital helping to take care of him, and seeing that he got the care he needed and deserved from the staff.*

*It impressed the doctors, nurses, and everyone they encountered on the staff of the hospital how devoted Alanna was to Herbie. Several people at the hospital said they had never seen a patient have such a devoted caretaker who was there every day, and slept at the hospital every night. More than one of the staff concluded that Herbie must have been an amazing person to inspire such devotion.*

*Herbie & Alanna had a 46 & a half year love story going on since their wedding in February, 1972.*

*Alanna's sister, Donna Widmer.*

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**Donna Widmer** - December 04, 2018 at 10:17 PM

 James Schulte

“ *Having spent some summers during my formative years with the Bill and Jean Goesten Kors family in the late sixties, I was always impressed with Uncle Bill's calm demeanor. In that regard Steve was a "chip off the old block". He was the kind of person you just enjoyed being around. Going to miss you buddy.*

*Jim Schulte*

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**James Schulte** - November 30, 2018 at 09:48 AM

“ We first heard about about Herbie when my late mother, Bea, one of Alanna's aunts, went over to America to visit her sister Margaret in Highland. She came back saying what a "lovely boy" Herbie was. We finally got to meet Alanna and Herbie in 1991 when they came over to England with Margaret to see Alanna's English relatives and we found out then that Herbie really was a lovely boy, quiet and unassuming and obviously devoted to Alanna. In those days before mobile phones, Alanna and Herbie were taking the train from Manchester Airport to Aunt Dorothy's. Mum and Dad went to meet them at the railway station and I waited at their house to man the telephone in case of any problems. Sure enough, they couldn't get the carriage door open at Handforth station and ended up going further along the line to the next station. I remember Herbie ringing me on the phone and calling me "Sir" in the way that only well brought up American men do, and we were able to make some arrangement so everyone could meet up as planned. During their stay the only complaint Bea had about Herbie was that he drank too much coffee, which she thought wouldn't do him and good - a bit rich coming from a lady who drank tea like it was going out of fashion! And once I found out he liked Fawltly Towers I could always set him off laughing by shouting in my best Basil Fawltly voice "Don't mention the war!".

*Inspired by the Winnie the Pooh quote left by Alanna, I'll leave one of my own which is, I'm afraid, somewhat longer.*

*" Christopher let out a soft sigh and looked around at all of his friends. It was going to be difficult to help them to understand. They probably never would...*

*"Sometimes good things come to an end. But here's the secret everyone— come close!" They all huddled together underneath the tree to listen to Christopher's secret.*

*"Memories. Are. Forever." He whispered and tapped Pooh on the nose.*

*"Memories?" Said Pooh. "Well I have plenty of those! Like that time we saved you from the Heffalumps!"*

*"Or when you helped me fix my garden!" cried Rabbit.*

*"Or when you organized my library for me!" Exclaimed Owl.*

*"Or that time you built me a new house out of those sticks you found in the woods." Eeyore added sullenly. "It didn't last the night...but I remember it."*

*"Yes, yes! All of those are memories and you will have them forever. Just like I will have my memories of all of you."*

*Christopher stood up and took one last look over the Hundred Acre Wood. The sun was setting in the orange autumn sky and the trees were beginning to lose their leaves. It was time he went home.*

*Christopher gathered all of his friends together and began walking back down the hill. They were all busy discussing the memories they had had with each other.*

*"Christopher?" Pooh said, looking up at Christopher as they walked hand in hand. "You aren't coming back, are you?"*

*Christopher looked down at the ground and took a moment before he responded. "No Pooh. I won't be coming back this time."*

*They walked in silence, listening to the sound of the crunching leaves underneath their feet.*

*Pooh suddenly stopped and looked intently into the ground. "I believe I am going to miss you Christopher," he said with a sad, broken voice.*

*Christopher leaned down and took his lifelong friend into his arms.*

*"I will miss you too Pooh. I will miss you very, very much."*

*Farewell to one of life's gentlemen a truly lovely boy.*

*Nick*

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**Nick Ritchie** - November 29, 2018 at 01:49 PM

“ Steve Goesten Kors 1960-65 the "Hullie" years

*Hullie had very good "soft" hands as the middle infielder for the Pierron "University" grade school baseball team. He was a parent and fan favorite those years. He was "our Hullian Avier", so nick named after the middle infielder for the St. Louis Cards those days. Thus he became Hullie Goesten Kors. He was the only player with great hands through those years of Pierron grade school. His brother John was the best Pure hitter those years as well. Our catcher Steve Weiss graduated '63. So who would become our new catcher? Small framed Hullie did it! Rarely did a pitch get past him. Although his arm was not strong, he was so quick, that few stole second on him.*

*I remember having a baseball party after beating Damionsville in a championship game. It was Hullie's birthday, so it must have been close to July 30th.*

*It was a hard sell at St. Paul High for Hullie to catch. A small frame was never considered to play that position. Luckily, our junior year we had a coach that knew nothing about baseball, so we convinced him that Steve should catch, instead of the skillet gloved catchers that year. ( notice the Hullie nick name ended). Steve being our catcher was one of the biggest reasons St. Paul dominated area baseball for '67 and '68. It all culminated in the greatest sport games in all of St Paul's history. Little St. Paul high beat Highland High in the first game of play offs of '68. 11 – 2.*

*In Pierron theater productions Hullie was hilarious as Dr. Kill me quick in a comedy of '63. Latter he was a private investigate in a skit of '64. In one of the lines – he is asked if he was working on a case? " Yes", he says. " Of Stag".*

*At the end of another production, we are all singing "take me out to the ballgame." Steve is playing baseball catch in perfect time to the music.*

*Fair well to our friend Steve Goesten Kors. A member of the great St. Paul class of '68.*

*jr potthast*



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**JR Potthast** - November 29, 2018 at 09:39 AM

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*Love this, JR. Thanks for sharing these memories.*

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**Laura Schulte** - November 29, 2018 at 04:00 PM



*Thanks JR. Nice tribute.*

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**James Schulte** - November 30, 2018 at 09:38 AM

EJ

“ *Herbie was the best brother in law a person could hope for. He loved his wife, Alanna, and worked hard all his life, at his jobs, his relationships, his health, always with good intentions toward everyone he encountered. We pray for his friends and family to remember the joy and kindness he shared throughout his struggles and good times. Comfort each other and celebrate memories, while you make new ones to share as we all continue on our journeys. Be well, Peace.* ”

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**Edward Jenny** - November 29, 2018 at 03:31 AM

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“ So glad we were able to make the visitation. Such a beautiful tribute wall to Herbie. We feel privileged to have known him. We will be making a donation in his memory.

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**Steve and Gina Wright** - November 28, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Steven H. "Herbie" Goestenkors.



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November 27, 2018 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Steven H. "Herbie" Goestenkors.



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November 27, 2018 at 04:53 PM

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“ Herbie will be fondly remembered and missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing his kind, gentle spirit. Herbie enjoyed the simple things in life: his relationship with his wife Alanna, their dogs, his home, his family and friends and a good meal. Herbie understood that true happiness comes from maintaining relationships, being content with life's daily blessings and being present in each moment. Though his time on earth was short, he enjoyed his life and added so much to ours just by being himself. Herbie will be sadly missed by all those who knew him, but we will remember his kind smile, his unwavering acceptance, his happiness and his gentle nature. May God rest his sweet soul. (From a friend Kim S., a loving tribute sent to wife Alanna)

and I will add a quote..... "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." Winnie the Pooh

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**Alanna** - November 26, 2018 at 08:04 PM

PS

“ I am so sorry that I will not be able to get downstate for the wake and funeral but am glad that I got there to see Steve at St. Luke's recently. He fought his illness with courage for so long. As per the family's request, I will be making a donation to the Highland Animal Shelter in Steve's memory. We have lost a brave soul and I will miss him.

Cousin Phyllis Schulte

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**Phyllis Schulte** - November 26, 2018 at 02:17 PM

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“ *Cousin Linus and Emilie Schrage purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Steven H. "Herbie" Goestenkors.*



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**Cousin Linus and Emilie Schrage** - November 25, 2018 at  
09:32 PM