



Steven D. Riddle

December 17, 1963 - November 21, 2022

Steven D. "Steve" Riddle, age 58 of Worden, IL, died Monday, November 21, 2022, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.

He was born on Tuesday, December 17, 1963, in Blytheville, AR, the son of Jackie and Norma (nee Flowers) Riddle.

On Saturday, September 28, 1985, he married Terese A. "Tracy" Riddle nee Mertzen who survives.

Steve was born at Blytheville, Arkansas, lived in England and Germany as his father was in the military. He mainly grew up in Troy, IL, and graduated from Triad High School, in 1982. He worked for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency at Cahokia Mounds, first working nights as a janitor and later became the volunteer coordinator. Still with the same agency, he later moved onto and was the Site Director at the Vandalia State House and a few years later retired. He trained and raised Border Collies, later this led to sheep herding. He competed in sheep herding trials and demonstrated sheep herding. He participated in historical reenactments all over the Midwest. He and his wife participated in the Goshen Community Market, Edwardsville, for over 22 years and their stand is "The Shepard's Wife". He had a wicked sense of humor and was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include:

Wife - Terese A. "Tracy" (nee Merten) Riddle, Worden, IL

Son - Geoffrey S. Riddle, Huntington, IN

Daughter - Elizabeth T. "Libby" (Aaron) Denson, Sorento, IL

Daughter - Katherine M. "Katie" Riddle, Worden, IL

Grandchild - Jackson W. Riddle, Sorento, IL

Grandchild - Christopher D. Denson, Sorento, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Jackie F. "Jack" Riddle

Mother - Norma J. Riddle (nee Flowers)

Brother - Michael "Mike" Riddle.

Arrangements are being handled by Dauderman Mortuary in Hamel, IL.

Celebration of Life at a later date.

Tribute Wall

PT

“ I have just learned of Steve Riddle’s passing. I am very saddened by this. He gave me one of my most precious memories of Cahokia. Years ago my friends and I were atop Monks Mound one morning. We were meditating and John was playing his flute. A bit later we entered the Visitors Center. Steve was rushing about, very excited, holding a book in his hand. “That we you, wasn’t it, on top of Monk’s Mound just now?! I saw a flock of Snow Geese circling above you! I have never seen them do that, except over a body of water!!!!!!”

What a bright, fine kind man! I looked forward to seeing him whenever I visited Cahokia.

“May there be peace on his spirit and eternal light on his soul.” (x3)

Phyllis Thorpe - June 25, 2023 at 03:23 PM

JZ

“ It was a pleasure getting to know Steve at the market. I enjoyed his sense of humor and interesting stories. I know he will be missed by many. Deepest sympathies to Steve’s family.

Jane Davidson Zappia - December 15, 2022 at 05:20 PM

LB

“ Deepest sympathies to Steve’s family! His jovial personality and quick wit will be missed by many.

Lori Belknap - November 30, 2022 at 03:22 PM

MD

“ I'll never forget the time one of the bagpipers left their coat in camp one night at the Fort Massac Encampment. The next morning Steve agreed to help us return the coat. At morning colors, he and Rerun herded a sheep wearing the coat into the ceremony so it's rightful owner could claim it.

Malcolm Duncan - November 27, 2022 at 10:31 AM

PI

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Paul and I both worked with Steve and it was such a pleasure to work with him. Our prayers will be with you all. Paul and Pam Imes

Paul and Pam Imes - November 26, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SD

*“ I am so sorry to hear about the death of Steve Riddle. Although I never met him in person, he and I enjoyed telling each other jokes on line. He had a wonderful sense of humor, and I enjoyed our banter. My grandmother's name was Riddle, and we wondered if we might have been related, but could never find out. I am sure that he will be keeping people laughing in heaven
Sue Ellen Drewer*

Suw Ellen Drewer - November 24, 2022 at 11:00 PM

BS

“ Condolences to Steve's family. I'll never forget his sense of humor!

BYRON SKALISIUS - November 24, 2022 at 10:51 PM

MB

“ I will never forget when I first met Steve and Tracy. Wool is the best friendsker. Steve made me feel comfortable around a crowd of people. He made me feel as if I had known him all my life and I didn't have to be afraid to be happy. I will never forget my friend Steve. I love knowing you and all j can say is keep the masses in stitches and keep those sheep in line while I am counting at night.

Mary Berh - November 24, 2022 at 08:04 AM

GR

“ I never got to meet Steve in person , but was lucky enough to know him through Facebook. He had such a great sense of humor. I always looked forward to his posts. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Rest in Peace my friend.
Sending prayers and healing thoughts to his family. I'm so very sorry for your loss.

Gayle Richardson - November 23, 2022 at 09:57 PM

AS

“ We were Facebook friends for over 10 years and shared a passion for Border Collies. I will miss his generous gift of laughter for a long while.

Years ago I was promoting a blog I wrote. To promote it I held a sheep shit contest. I filled a beer bottle with sheep pellets and asked contestants to guess how many. Steve won and got a big kick out of it. God rest his soul.

Amelia Smith - November 23, 2022 at 09:36 PM

DE

“ *I have to many funny stories, cause to know Steve, was to kind of be in a funny story. My heart goes out to his family, as they are truly the nicest people on the planet.
Gonna miss ya bro.*

Dee Earney - November 23, 2022 at 07:51 PM