



Stephen Alan Wiltgen

June 13, 1956 - October 24, 2024

Stephen A. Wiltgen, affectionately known as Bumpa, beloved husband of Lori Wiltgen passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2024 after a valiant fight with kidney cancer. Steve was born and raised in Foley, MN, and for the last ten years resided in Seneca, SC. He was preceded in death by his father, Raphael Wiltgen, mother Catherine Wiltgen, sisters Margie, Judy, and Mary, and brothers Rick and Raphael (Willy).

Steve was the loving father of Amy Mullins and Josh Wiltgen (Jessica). He was the cherished Bumpa to grandchildren Cooper and Haley Wiltgen and grand dog Murphy Mullins. He is survived by siblings, Jackie (Darrel Guggenberger), Kitty (Dave Herbst), Gerianne Johnson, Nora Walker, Karen (Joe Alvord), and David Wiltgen (Carol), as well as many nieces and nephews, and close friends.

Steve truly loved people and never met a stranger. He was the life of the party, even if there wasn't one. He went to the Cancer Center for treatment, and patients and staff would seek him out to say hello to their friend. Steve fought a tough battle with love in his heart. He will be remembered for cracking jokes all the way till the end.

Bumpa loved tinkering in the garage, fixing bicycles for his grandchildren, and building all the Christmas crafts Jessica could dream up. He enjoyed having a

drink with family and friends. He believed the best times were spent with family and that when they were all together, that was the best day. Steve worked as a truck driver and carpenter. Steve deeply loved music and enjoyed DJing for weddings and other events.

Josh and Jessica will host a drop-in at their home on November 10, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 pm where loved ones can come and share their favorite memories of Steve. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date for Minnesota family and friends.

The family is at the home of son, Josh Wiltgen.

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“*Damn... Life happens so fast. Steve (Naze, as we knew him), was one of my best friends through my growing up years in Foley. We shared many good times from jumping bicycles, to smoking cigarettes before school in his 64 Chev, to cruising an impossible to drive blizzard in Joe Alvord's Oldsmobile, among other adventures not relatable here for risk of incrimination. He was also the drummer in my first band. I was amazed when he demonstrated how to play "Wipe-Out" with pea shooters on the living room carpet. We lost contact a long time ago but many memories of his friendship and the brotherhood we shared have sustained my spirit over the years. I will carry him in my heart forever. See you on the other side, Naze.*

Bill Otto

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“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Stephen Alan Wiltgen.*

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“*My uncle Steve was the best. He took me to my first concert which was Alabama at the state fair. He also gave me my first job babysitting Josh so I had money to spend. His humor knew no bounds and he always gave me a hug when he saw me and would say "Hey what's up bird dog". I will miss that man for the rest of forever. I can't ever remember a time where he ever got mad but he was the best ever. Rest in peace Uncle Steve. I love you ❤️*

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