



## Steven J Bergstrom

July 11, 1985 - March 31, 2024

Steven J. Bergstrom, 38, of Chicago, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024.

Whether he was hammering his way through an iron distance triathlon, restoring old cars and trucks, or spending time with friends and family, Steven approached everything with his whole heart. There was no other way.

Born on July 11, 1985, Steven grew up in Beecher, Illinois, then attended Northern Illinois University. After college, he began a career in business marketing that took him around the world and brought him back to the Chicago area.

Steven is survived by his parents, Arthur and Alice Bergstrom; brother, Brent and his wife Stephanie and daughter Mackenzi (Kenzi); the Weis family of Rockford, IL; the Bergstrom family of Rockford, IL,; as well as everyone that ever knew him.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life honoring Steven James Bergstrom on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at the Beecher AmVets Hall from 11AM to 2PM. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his name to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Beecher Amvets Hall  
532 Gould Street  
Beecher, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you dear Steve and sending greetings to the family.*

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**Franziska** - March 31, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ *Robert + Cordula planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Steven J Bergstrom.*

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**Robert + Cordula** - June 07, 2024 at 02:44 PM



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



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June 07, 2024 at 02:44 PM

TB

“ Steve,

*I am so sad you left us. I can only imagine what the loss means to your family. It has been a privilege to spend so many happy moments with you here in Stuttgart - be it in the pool, on the bike or running, working and certainly also partying hard.*

*Besides the “competitive moments”, one of my favorite memories will remain having you and more American friends over for a traditional Swabian Maultaschen dinner with lots of local wine...*

*Stuttgart went under your skin, and your friends from Stuttgart will carry you in our hearts.*

*Dear family and friends of Steve -*

*I hope that you will find comfort in my words and in knowing that Steve remains in our thoughts and hearts.*



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**Tillmann Bross** - June 04, 2024 at 01:19 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven J Bergstrom.



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May 28, 2024 at 03:26 PM

FR

“ Dear family & friends of Steve,  
I am very very sad to hear that Steve has left us. I am so sad for Steve and now his family and close friends who are left without him. My sincere condolences for your loss.  
I met Steve during his time in Stuttgart, Germany. We worked very closely together, sat opposite and had a lot of fun. He made my days with his outstanding gift playing with words, taking things not too serious and was always someone to rely on. He was easy to connect with, always up for fun and didn't shy away from hard work. I am happily remembering Wasen/Lederhosen, German/English misunderstandings ('did you just call me Herbert?' - since then he was Herby for me) and a summer evening at our balcony.  
After he went back to his beloved Chicago I thought of Steve and always wanted to visit him. Hope to meet you again somewhere, somewhen, Steve.

Dear family, if you ever visit Stuttgart, please let me know.  
Steve/Herby will never be forgotten - I wish you a lot of strength and support during this difficult time.  
Best regards, Franziska & family

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**Franziska** - May 01, 2024 at 04:08 PM

FR

Thinking of you today dear Steve

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**Franziska** - March 31, 2025 at 04:12 PM

SK

“ *The news of Steve's untimely departure has left us all in shock and profound sadness. It's hard to put into words the impact he had on each of us, both personally and professionally. Steve was not just a colleague but a friend who was always ready to help and with his good humour in stressing times a source of inspiration to many of us, here at Powertools in Stuttgart.*

*I will always remember Steve for his unwavering dedication, kindness, and infectious positivity. He had a remarkable ability to lift our spirits even in the most challenging of times. His presence in the office brought light and warmth to our days, and his absence will be keenly felt by us all.*

*Please know that you are not alone in your grief. We, Steve's colleagues and friends here in Stuttgart, stand beside you, ready to offer whatever support and comfort you may need in the days ahead. If there's anything at all we can do to ease your burden, please don't hesitate to reach out.*

*Steve may no longer walk among us, but his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed, but his memory will forever remain a source of light and inspiration in our lives.*



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Sandra Kelz - April 16, 2024 at 04:23 PM

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“ He was one of my favorite students and Scholastic Bowl teammate, and he was a fantastic student traveler who was ready for any-and everything. While he was working in Germany and I was chaperoning my last student tour group, he drove to Switzerland to spend a couple days with me. His heart was big and genuine. Rest in peace, “mein lieber Freund.”

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“Schwarbie” - April 08, 2024 at 11:04 AM

NS

“ From across the ocean, I am sending Steve's family and loved ones strength in this difficult period and peace in the days to come. He was one of the most intelligent, kindest and funniest people I have ever met. He made my time in Stuttgart an experience to remember. Whenever anyone needed help, Steve was there - you could always count on him. I still remember our weekly dinners at our favourite Italian and our endless conversations. I will forever miss you dear Steve.

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Nadia Shihab - April 08, 2024 at 08:15 AM

LR

“ First and foremost, my heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with Steven's family and friends. There was nothing artificial about Steven. He was an authentically caring person and his tender spirit will be missed by all that knew and cared about him.

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Lucy Rietveld - April 05, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ I did not know Steven but have known Brent and Alice for 20 plus years. I hope this puts a smile on everyone's face as Alice would be extra charged on Fridays when she would tell me Steven and Frederico aka Freddy were coming by for some vittles. But after reading the others comments, Steven will be missed.

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**Jeff Murawski** - April 05, 2024 at 10:17 AM

KO

So sorry for your loss. We did not know Steven but our hearts break for our dear friend Alice. Love and prayers.

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**Karen Olson** - April 07, 2024 at 12:48 PM

FW

“Gordon and I knew Stephen as a little boy, barely tall enough to bump his head on the workbenches in Art’s shop in their backyard in Beecher! We share many a meal with Alice and Art, as Alice is a fantastic cook! We got to know the family so that we even went to Sweden with Art, Art’s sister Joan and Jerry. I worked at Applied Susrems as did Alice, we’ve been good friends as well. Steven grew into an intelligent, articulate caring young man and adult, always eager to learn more and tackle new things, and Art would keep us posted - both such proud parents! Steven “rescued” us one foggy night, when we had taken Art out for dinner in an evening flight in our Cessna! Sudden fog forced us down close to home, but not our airport, so he drove to pick us up in his pickup truck - he laid in the bed of the truck so we could sit comfortably in the cab! So generous and thoughtful. I will miss his hugs but hope to meet his spirit in Heaven one day! Our prayers and deepest sympathy to you, Alice, Art, Brent, Stephanie, Kenzi, Joan and Jerry!! We love you all and are grieving with you as well! ❤️🙏😊❤️



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**Frieda Wilson** - April 05, 2024 at 10:15 AM

MG

“ Steve was my friend at Bosch, we started on the same day - even though Steve was the youngest one in our cohort, he seemed to have the most real world experience, which made the rest of us a bit jealous. As I got to know him more, I learned that he gained a lot of his power tool knowledge from his father - and soon he was signing his emails with the acronym, “SOWW”, which meant “Son of A Woodworker”. Of course he was always proud of that that, no matter how many other impressive things he accomplished. Steve was humble and hard working and a wonderful example in many ways. I’m grateful to have known him.

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**Mike Gerskovich** - April 04, 2024 at 11:45 PM

CB

“ I met Steve when he first joined CrossFit 312. He immediately fit right in with our group of fitness enthusiasts- cheering everyone on, literally on Day 1. He was so kind and generous with his support of others. Those evenings were a very special time in our lives and I will remember him fondly. My deepest sympathy to Steve’s family.

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**Cora Bruemmer** - April 04, 2024 at 11:39 PM

LI

“ Steve was a regular customer for years at the restaurant I managed in the West Loop and we had many conversations that spanned from CrossFit to his restoration of that old truck and more. He always ordered the same thing, a burger and a salad “because... CrossFit” and we were always happy when he came in. He will be missed by so many. ❤️

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**Lisa** - April 04, 2024 at 05:40 PM

TH

“ I had the good fortune of working with Steve at Bosch (Dremel). Steve was highly recommended to me from the Dean of the NIU College of Business (our shared Alma mater) as someone we should take a look at for any openings. I believe we first brought Steve in as an intern and later hired him full time after graduation. He was an immediate impact - very bright, full of energy and demonstrated his creativity and hunger for learning immediately! Steve was courageous and adventurous enough to take on a new challenge by accepting a role in our corporate HQ in Germany & I was lucky to have been able to see him in action over there in that environment on one of my trips - I asked the local manager how it was going with Steve and I recall fondly how positive they were about Steve fitting right into the team & culture! Definitely not an easy thing to do, but that was pure Steve!

*I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Bergstrom family and to all those who Steve's bright light impacted.*

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**Terry Horan** - April 04, 2024 at 10:40 AM

MM

“ Steven spent a lot of time at our house when he was growing up. He showed up on our doorstep in a snowmobile suit one winter evening. It was below zero with staggering wind chills. He stayed an hour or two and then got back in the snowmobile suit to go home. I insisted I had to drive him home but he refused and headed out to walk down the creek bed (which I didn't like either). He said that he'd stay warm that way. He managed to get home safe, but he was quite the adventurer. This year's 4th of July parade lineup won't be the same without him running over to give me a hug and catch me up on his life. Prayers for the family. He was a great guy and I will truly miss him.

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**Marcy Meyer** - April 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ Prayers for the Bergstrom family. I have lots of fond memories of watching Steve grow up. He will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Josh Bachand - April 03, 2024 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ Josh Bachand lit a candle in memory of Steven J Bergstrom



Josh Bachand - April 03, 2024 at 03:51 PM

JF

“ James Roskelley And Family lit a candle in memory of Steven J Bergstrom



James Roskelley and family - April 03, 2024 at 10:55 AM

JF

“ My deepest and heart felt sympathies go out to Alice , Brent , Stephanie , and Kinzie . He was a little brother to me and will be dearly missed ! Prayers to your family

James Roskelley and family - April 03, 2024 at 10:54 AM